

Psychology

Course Details and Assessment

Psychology is a popular choice at A Level because it enables students to develop a range of transferable skills, such as critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

This qualification consists of three externally examined papers, which must be completed in the same examination period.

Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology

- Topic 1: Social Influence
- Topic 2: Memory
- Topic 3: Attachment
- Topic 4: Psychopathology

2 hour examination.
33.3% of total qualification.

Paper 2: Psychology in Context

- Topic 5: Approaches in psychology
- Topic 6: Biopsychology
- Topic 7: Research methods

2 hour examination.
33.3% of total qualification.



Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology

Topic 8: Issues and debates in psychology

Option 1: Cognition and Development

Option 2: Schizophrenia

Option 3: Forensic Psychology

2 hour examination.
33.3% of total qualification.

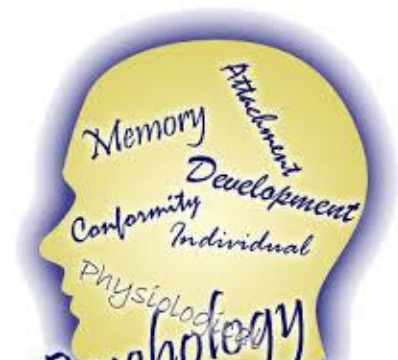
Background Requirements

It is essential that candidates have a sound knowledge of Science, English and Mathematics. All examinations involve essay writing. Therefore, good written communication skills are essential. A minimum of 10% of marks across the whole qualification will involve mathematical content.

At AS and A Level, approaches involve a biological content and research methods are based on analysing mathematical data and statistics.

At A Level, treatments for mental illness involve issues surrounding the brain, therefore requiring scientific knowledge.

Private reading around the topics is essential.



Extra-Curricular

- Study Skills Sessions
- Examination Workshops
- AS – Psychology Trip
- A2 – Psychology Trip

Future Career Prospects

With Psychology you can enter any job or profession because you will gain an understanding of people.

Professions that may require a certain amount of psychological knowledge include:

- Law
- Medicine
- Teaching
- Criminal Services
- Media and Advertising
- Police

For More Information

Students interested in following the A Level Psychology course, should contact the Head of Department.

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Syllabus

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Exam Board

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Website

Further details of this course can be found on the exam boards' website.

www.aqa.org.uk

