



# PSYCHOLOGY (AQA)

ONE OF THE MOST  
SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS  
IN PSYCHOLOGY IN THE  
LAST TWENTY YEARS  
IS THAT INDIVIDUALS  
CAN CHOOSE THE WAY  
THEY THINK.  
MARTIN SELIGMAN

Psychology gives a strong academic basis for a huge number of university courses. If you plan to study Psychology at university and are aiming for a career in sports psychology, forensic psychology, educational psychology, clinical psychology, law, politics, government, marketing or public relations, then Psychology is the right A level subject for you.

A level Psychology is a two-year linear course. After the second year you will be awarded the A level

**What will you learn?** A level Psychology with AQA consists of three components:

Component 1: Introductory topics in Psychology

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Component 2: Psychology in Context

- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research methods
- Issues and debates in Psychology

Component 3: Candidates will study one option from each of the three categories

Option 1

- Relationships
- Gender
- Cognition and development

Option 2

- Schizophrenia
- Eating behaviour
- Stress

Option 3

- Aggression
- Forensic psychology
- Addiction

**How will you be assessed?**

A level Psychology is 100% examination with three two hour exams at the end of the 2nd year.

**Where will it take you?**

An A Level in Psychology can lead to university studies and a career in psychology, plus a wide variety of careers that involve personal interaction or communication, such as marketing, health care and personnel management. If you want to enter or progress in employment, you'll find your A Level Psychology will demonstrate to employers that you have the ability to commit to learning, and have acquired good reasoning and analytical skills and an understanding of people – essential in practically every walk of life.

**Who to talk to?**

Please speak to Mr Adam Ball, or email [adam.ball@thebourneacademy.com](mailto:adam.ball@thebourneacademy.com)

**What will you need to study this course?**

Students will need to have five or more A\*-C grades at GCSE. A level Psychology is a demanding academic course requiring strong analysis skills, very good reasoning skills and a keen interest in scientific research methods.