

PSYCHOLOGY

A LEVEL (AQA)



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, occupational psychology, health psychology, law, politics, government, marketing or public relations, counselling and education, 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?

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What will you need to study this course?

Five or more 9-4 grades at GCSE including English and Maths. At least a grade 6 in GCSE Psychology. If Psychology was not studied at Level 2 at least a grade 5 in GCSE English. A GCSE grade 5 in Maths is desirable. A level Psychology is a demanding academic course requiring strong analysis skills, good literacy and mathematical skills, very good reasoning skills and a keen interest in scientific research methods.