



Psychology A-Level

Awarding Body: AQA

Course Length: 2 years

Entry Requirements: 36 – 48 Points
Grade 5 in English and maths



This course will cover:

In the first year students will cover a range of introductory units which will give them an in-depth understanding of the core disciplines within psychology.

Students will start exploring the different schools of thought (approaches) within psychology, as well as the nature of memory and applications of this to eyewitness testimony. Within the attachment topic students will look at psychological reasons for attachment and the consequences if this does not happen. Students will also look into a range of psychopathologies including phobias, depression and OCD. Social psychology will cover topics such as why we obey and conform.

In the second year students will develop their knowledge further and consider more applied topics. For example, students will have the opportunity to consider explanations and reasons for aggression and gender identity disorder. Students will also cover the stress topic which looks at what causes stress and how stress can be managed.

What our students say:

“Psychology is a really interesting course that covers a range of different topics that are all linked to current life.”

Assessment Method:

Throughout the two year course, students will also cover research methods by designing their own research and applying their knowledge of this to the units they are studying.

3 examinations—duration of 2 hours

This course is ideally suited to...

...students who have an interest in: people, developing an understanding of human behaviour, and/or how the brain and previous environmental experiences can shape how we act.

Psychology is a science, so an interest in the nature of scientific investigation is also important as well as mathematical skills such as presenting and interpreting graphs.

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