



A Level

Specification: AQA

PSYCHOLOGY

What will I study?

Compulsory topics

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Clinical Psychology and Mental Health
- Biopsychology
- Approaches to Psychology
- Research Methods, Issues and Debates

Optional topics (decided by faculty)

One from:

- Relationships
- Gender
- Cognition and development

One from:

- Schizophrenia
- Eating behaviour
- Stress

One from:

- Forensic
- Aggression
- Addiction

How will I be assessed?

Psychology is assessed by 3 end-of-course examinations which consist of a mixture of multiple choice, short answer and extended (essay) questions. In class, you will be assessed through class tests, past paper questions, essays and quizzes.

How will I learn?

Our learning depends on a variety of lesson techniques including:

- Reading and note-taking
- Individual research e.g. interviews, questionnaires, observations
- Debate and discussion
- Presentations
- Application to real world examples

What skills will I need?

- An interest in human beings; their thinking, behaviour and emotions.
- An ability to learn and use key terms
- An ability to learn theories and research information
- An enquiring mind that can critically analyse information, research, theories and ideas
- A keen interest in using mathematical skills
- An ability to write essays and be reflective on feedback
- A willingness to discuss and debate opinions and ideas

Careers & Progression

Psychology links to a range of careers that involve analytical thinking, an understanding of human behaviour and emotions, and a range of critical thinking skills.

These include:

- Psychology
- Therapy and other mental health work
- Nursing
- Social care
- Teaching
- Counselling
- Sports psychology and coaching
- Working with children
- Police, Armed Forces etc.
- Market research
- Human resources