

Course Level

A Level

Awarding Body

AQA

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and Grade 5 in English Language or English Literature and Grade 5 in GCSE Science (5:5 in Combined Science or 5 in an individual science subject if studying Triple Science)

Assessment

All content is assessed by formal written examinations at the end of the course.

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology is an engaging subject in which students will explore different approaches to explaining human behaviour and the research methods that underlie psychological research. During the two years, students will look at the main approaches in psychology (the learning approaches: behaviourism and social learning theory, the cognitive approach, the biological approach, the psychodynamic approach and the humanistic approach). Students will have the opportunity to explore topics such as social influence, memory, attachment, biopsychology, psychopathology, forensic psychology, schizophrenia and gender.

Unit	Topics	Assessment
Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology	· Social influence · Memory · Attachment · Psychopathology	2 hour written exam
Paper 2: Psychology in Context	· Approaches in Psychology · Biopsychology · Research Methods	2 hour written exam
Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology	· Issues and debates in psychology · Forensic Psychology · Schizophrenia · Gender	2 hour written exam

Career and Progression Opportunities

A Level Psychology provides students with a broad range of skills which are valued by Higher Education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

Research skills are an essential part of the Psychology A Level and students will develop skills such as understanding how to design and carry out research using a variety of different research methods, the strengths and weaknesses of various research methods and techniques of data handling and analysis. Students also gain transferable skills, such as teamwork, problem solving, IT skills and communication skills (presentation, writing, debating).

Link to Syllabus

A level - <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-level/psychology-7181>