

# Psychology

## Course overview

### A Level

### Level 3

### AQA

Psychology is the study of human behaviour and mental processes from a scientific viewpoint. The course features elements of social, cognitive, psychopathology, biological, evolutionary and developmental psychology. You learn through a variety of interactive methods including experiments, debates, role-plays and presentations.

### Entry Requirements

You must have a minimum of 5 grades 9-4 (equivalent to A\*-C) at GCSE, including English and Maths at grade 4, plus you must also meet the specific subject entry requirements.

### Subject Specific Requirements

Grade 6 in a Science GCSE subject and grade 4 in English Language GCSE and grade 4 in Maths GCSE

### Popular Subject Combinations

*A Level:* Biology, Mathematics, English Language and English Literature, Philosophy, Sociology

*BTEC:*

### Possible Enrichment Opportunities

Trips to revision conferences in London and visiting guest speakers have delivered talks on such subjects as Clinical, Forensic, Criminological, Sport and Neuroscience topics. Trips to the Sigmund Freud museum, Science museum and Jack the Ripper walking tour.

If you would like further information about this course please contact the admissions team at

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### What will I learn?

This is an ideal course to study a range of fascinating human behaviours, including schizophrenia. You will learn how to use scientific research methods to study human behaviour. You will analyse theories and therapies for a range of mental illnesses. You will learn how to write a psychological report using data you have collected. You will evaluate theories on interesting topics such as obedience to authority, eye witness testimony and criminal profiling.

### How will I be assessed?

Three 2 hour written exams at the end of the second year. Each exam consists of multiple choice, short answer and essay style questions. Each exam is worth 33.3% of the A Level. Research methods and maths skills are assessed in every paper.

Paper 1 – Introductory topics in psychology (social influence, Memory, attachment and psychopathology)

Paper 2 – Psychology in context (Approaches, Biopsychology, Research methods)

Paper 3 – Issues and Options in psychology (Issues and debates, relationships, schizophrenia and forensic psychology).

### Where might it lead?

Psychology A level is valued by universities and provides a great foundation for any of the pathways in psychology, e.g. clinical, education, forensic, sport psychology. Also, the skills that can be developed through the study of this subject are transferable to a number of career options including human resources, teaching and health care.