



## Psychology A level

### What is the course content?

Psychology is the study of mind and behaviour. The A level Psychology qualification offers an engaging introduction to this diverse and interesting subject; you will learn the fundamentals of Psychology and develop skills valued by Higher Education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

You will study;

- Approaches and methods related to the core areas of Psychology (such as cognitive, social, biological and developmental psychology, and the psychology of individual differences).
- Wider psychological issues and debates.
- Applied topic options, such as forensic psychology, schizophrenia and cognition and development.

In order to be able to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding in Psychology, students need to demonstrate competence in appropriate areas of mathematics. Overall, at least 10% of the marks in assessments for Psychology will require the use of mathematical skills. These skills will be applied in the context of Psychology A level and will be *at least the standard of higher tier GCSE mathematics*.

Psychology students will be well supported in preparing for their exams, including being able to access:

- high quality resources, taught using innovative methods that engage students
- past papers, mark schemes and examiners' reports
- specimen papers and mark schemes for the new specification
- exemplar student answers with examiner commentaries

### How is the course assessed?

100% examination.

Assessments will rely on you answering a variety of types of question, such as multiple choice, short answer and extended writing/essays, which target the skills of knowledge and understanding, application and evaluation. Your understanding of research methods will be assessed using the scenario-based questions and research methods questions embedded in topics, but you will have experience of carrying out practical investigations in their lessons.

### Future opportunities

Psychology is a broad subject which will be useful in whatever career path you may follow, as it requires you to demonstrate a wide range of transferable skills that Higher Education and employers value. A Psychology degree offers a direct path to further education and completing a Master's degree or PhD, and could lead to a world of opportunities in many fields, including education, social work, law and business.

### Key Contact

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