A Level Psychology

Exam board and specification: AQA (7181)

What you need to study this course: Grade 6 in GCSE English, Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics

Why you should consider this course

Psychology will give you insight into how biology and human thinking are often at an intersection the influence that they have on one another is large. Moreover, the subject will allow you to further your understanding of key historical events such as, the Holocaust and their causes linked to human thinking. Overall, the course will challenge you to think critically about human behaviour.

What you will study

Year 12: Approaches, Attachment, Clinical Psychology & Mental Health, Social influence, Memory, Research Methods

Year 13: Research Methods Pt 2, Schizophrenia, Forensic Psychology, Issues and Debates, Gender

How you will be assessed:

Year One:

Paper 1: Year 12 content, Written exam – 1 hour 30 minutes (50%)

Paper 2: Year 12 content, Written exam – 1 hour 30 minutes (50%)

Year Two:

Paper 1: Year 12 content, Written exam – 2 hours (33%)

Paper 2: Year 12 content, Written exam – 2 hours (33%)

Paper 3 – Year 12 and 13 content, Written exam, 2 hours (33%)

All exams will assess you on:

Short and long answer questions, extended response,

Mathematical reasoning and critical thinking.

Where can it take you?

The top 5-degree courses taken by students who have the qualification are Psychology, Criminology (or, Forensic Psychology), Sociology, Business, Education. There are also several degree apprenticeships that you can apply to.

Studying A-level Psychology gives you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

- University Lecturer,
- Teacher,
- Clinical Psychologist,
- Forensic Psychologist,
- Counsellor,
- Social Worker,
- Educational Consultant,
- Data Analyst

A Level Psychology Alumni Destinations: