



# Psychology

**Course Title**  
Psychology

**Awarding Body**  
AQA

**Course Level**  
A Level - 2 year

## Course Description

A Level Psychology offers the opportunity to study human behaviour and the human mind in a scientific fashion. Students will learn some of the common theories of Psychology and will analyse these through practical experiments and data collection.

## Course Content

### Year 12

Students will study two topics - Introductory topics in Psychology where students will learn about social influence, memory and attachment. The second unit, Psychology in Context includes approaches in psychology, psychopathology and research methods.

### Year 13

In Year 13, students will build on their knowledge from year 12 and study further content for Issues and options in Psychology. Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified Paper 3 content. They will apply psychological knowledge and understanding in a range of contexts; analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods and evaluate therapies and treatments in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness. The further topics that student's study in Year 13 are issues and debates in Psychology, cognition and development, schizophrenia and aggression.

## Assessment

A Level – 3 exam papers, each 2 hours long and worth 96 marks.

## Progression Routes

A Level Psychology is well suited to those students who have an interest in pursuing the subject as a career, such as an Educational Psychologist or Clinical Psychologist. It complements subjects such as Health and Social Care, Biology or Forensic Science. It is a rigorous subject that will prepare all students for either university or employment because it leads to a better understanding of human nature, and the research methods section requires students to be analytical.

## Entry Requirements

Level 6 in English Language, Maths and Science.