

Psychology

Qualification Level: A Level

Qualification Duration: 2 years

Exam Board: AQA, 7182

Intro:

Psychology is a fascinating science which uses cutting edge research and has real world application that students are bound to find interesting. A level Psychology addresses key ideas and debates in our world today, for example: why is it that some people suffer from stress or mental illness? The course will be delivered in a variety of ways such as research using IT, journals and newspapers, early exam practice to help students to develop their exam technique, as well as opportunity for students to conduct their own research.

Year one content:

In the first year of the course you will cover two topic areas

Introductory topics in psychology including Social influence, Memory and Attachment. We will learn about conformity, social norms, how the mind remembers and forgets and how children form attachment.

Psychology in context including Approaches, Biopsychology, Psychopathology and Research methods. We will learn more about different approaches in Psychology and how to design and conduct your own research

Year two content:

In the second year of the A level we will deepen our understanding of human behaviour. We will study additional topics under Approaches, Biopsychology and Research methods topics. We learn about fascinating tendencies of human behaviour with options looking into gender differences and the criminal mind

Compulsory content

- Issues and debates in psychology

Optional content

Option one

- Relationships
- Gender
- Cognition and development

Option two

- Schizophrenia
- Eating behaviour
- Stress

Option three

- Aggression
- Forensic psychology
- Addiction

Trips and other costs:

Currently we plan to take students to Psychology conferences, including Science and Pseudoscience and Criminology, which aim to educate, entertain and enthuse students facilitating their understanding and increasing their motivation for Psychology.

Career and further study:

The A level Psychology course is a great subject to study because it will help students develop a range of transferable skills including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. These skills are beneficial in both the working world and when going onto further study. Studying Psychology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options including, marketing, human resources , teaching , nursing, forensic psychology and occupational therapy.