

# A Level Psychology



**Exam Board:** AQA

**Entry Requirements:** grade 5 or above in maths, science and English.

## Why study Psychology?

*What makes people tick? Why do some people behave the way they do? Why do different things affect your mood and confidence?*

If you've ever spent time thinking about these puzzles, psychology might be for you. Psychologists could hold the answers. And if they don't yet, you can be sure they are looking for them.

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. Psychologists observe and conduct experiments to find out more about the way people act and interact. They try to understand what motivates, challenges or changes us and use this understanding to help us tackle personal and social problems. If you study psychology you'll be able to hone your analytical and organisational skills and learn about scientific research methods, including collecting and working with data. Learning about human behaviour can also help to build your communication skills and improve your teamwork and leadership skills.

Psychologists can work in social care, mental health, education, business, research and sports.

## What does the course involve? (AS and A Level are co-taught)

<b>Introductory topics in Psychology</b>	Exam – each section is worth 24 marks. All questions are compulsory.
Social Influence	
Memory	
Attachment	
Psychopathology	

<b>Psychology in context</b>	Exam – Sections A and B are worth 24 marks. Section C is worth 48 marks. All questions are compulsory
Approaches in Psychology	
Biopsychology	
Research methods	

<b>Issues and options in Psychology</b>	Exam – Each section is worth 24 marks. Section A is compulsory. 1 from each of B, C and D
Section A	Issues and debates in Psychology
Section B	Relationships, Gender or Cognition and Development
Section C	Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour or Stress
Section D	Aggression, Forensic Psychology or Addiction

## Where will Psychology lead me post Sixth Form?

Psychology is useful for a range of social science, arts and healthcare related degrees including: childhood studies, Media Studies, Physiotherapy, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Sports Science, Psychology, Sociology, Speech Therapy and Social Work.