



Psychology A Level

Why study psychology?

If you are interested in people then you will be interested in psychology. This is what makes it one of the most popular A Level courses. Psychology is the science of mind and behaviour and provides insights not only into mental health, but also behaviours in areas such as sport, education, criminality, the law, business and advertising. All questions in psychology are studied in an objective scientific way, but you also need to be good at developing arguments and providing research evidence to support theories and models.

The course

You will look at specific topics such as localisation of function in the brain, memory, childhood attachments, psychopathology and social psychology. You will have the opportunity to experience experimental and non-experimental research methods as well as learning about the biological, cognitive, behavioural and psychodynamic approaches in psychology.

You will learn through a variety of activities including:

- > Experiments
- > Case studies
- > Discussions
- > Reading and notetaking
- > Individual research projects

Work will be text, number and graphically based. To succeed in Psychology A Level, you will be studying research methods and statistics. For this reason, you need to be a confident mathematician. We ask for a grade 5 in GCSE Maths to take the course.

Career and Progression Opportunities

Psychology students might progress into general careers such as teaching, nursing, marketing and social work. However, many psychology students choose to study psychology at university and become occupational, educational, clinical or forensic psychologists.

