



# A Level Psychology

## What will I study?

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. You will investigate how people think, feel and act — from memory and perception to social influence, development, and mental health. Key topics include social influence, memory, attachment, biopsychology, clinical psychology and mental health as well as research methods. Through practical and written tasks you will learn how to design and evaluate studies, analyse data, and apply theories to everyday situations. The course develops critical thinking, numerical reasoning and communication skills valued by universities and employers.

## How will I be assessed?

A Level Psychology is assessed by written examinations at the end of the two-year course. Typically there are three papers that together cover psychological approaches, core studies and research methods, and applied topics. You will be examined on your knowledge, application and evaluation of psychological theories and research. The exam board for this is AQA. Throughout the year, you will have exams/ mocks which will help you with revision to help prepare you for the exam at the end of the year.

## What are the entry requirements?

You must have five GCSEs at grade 5 or above (including English Language at grade 5 and Maths at grade 4) to meet the general Sixth Form entry requirements at MK College, and for A Level Psychology you will normally need at least a grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics and a grade 5 in GCSE English Language, with Science GCSEs being helpful (including at least one grade 5), and due to the level of mathematical content on the course, if you are not taking A Level Mathematics you are strongly recommended to take Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths) as a fourth subject to support your success.

## Where will this course lead?

A Level Psychology provides a strong platform for university degrees in Psychology, Neuroscience, Criminology, Education and Healthcare and Social care related subjects. It also supports progression to degree-level apprenticeships in health, social care and business, and is useful for careers in counselling, research, teaching, HR, and roles that require strong analytical and people skills.

## What combines well with this subject?

Psychology pairs well with a wide range of subjects. Consider combining it with: Biology, Law, Politics, Sociology, Criminology, Mathematics and English Language.