



PSYCHOLOGY

AQA

COURSE OVERVIEW

Your development of a sound foundation knowledge of Psychology includes learning about Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology, Approaches in Psychology, Bio-Psychology, Research Methods, Descriptive and Inferential Statistics, Issues and Debates in Psychology, Gender, Schizophrenia and Aggression. Each topic will be applied to real and current world situations facing society today.



HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

A LEVEL Three two hour terminal exams are taken at the end of year two course

AQA	1	2	3
Length	2 hours	2 hours	2 hours
Weighting	1/3	1/3	1/3

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

A Grade 6 in Maths and Biology is preferred, as is a minimum Grade 5 in English.

Finally and most importantly, students need to be able to write several clear, fluent and coherent essays in each of their exams, so very good quality English Language skills are absolutely essential.



WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

....."Psychology has the potential to create wonder in anyone who studies it. It is the personal science that explores how we make sense of the world, ourselves and others. It is about gaps between sensation and perception. It is about the wonder of being alive"..... British Psychological Society Education Board 2015.

Psychology is now recognised as a Science A Level and so links perfectly to many subject combinations, not only the sciences but also humanities and language subjects which are hugely relevant in a social and rapidly changing world. It is excellent preparation for careers that directly require a foundation in psychology—such as clinical and forensic psychology but also those that benefit indirectly such as teaching, marketing, nursing, social work or any vocation that involves working with people!