

Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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Why choose the subject?

Psychology is the science of the mind. It looks at how individuals think, what they do and the way they are affected by their biological makeup and the wider social group.

You will study how people interact, change and develop, how we think, how the nervous system works, how we differ from animals and how we decide what is normal. You will gain an insight into the workings of the human brain and explore a range of psychological explanations of behaviour.

In Year 1 key topics include; cognitive psychology (memory), developmental psychology (attachment), research methods, biological psychology, social psychology (how we are influenced by others) and psychopathology (mental health).

In Year 2 key topics include; forensic psychology, schizophrenia and relationships.

Who is eligible?

Of course no previous study is necessary. Psychology requires a broad range of skills including good written communication skills, a retentive memory and analysis of research methods, studies and theories. Mathematics is not as important as good writing skills. You will need to be comfortable with a calculator and do a little statistical test.

A LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Year 2019/21 Award Examination Board: AQA Advanced Level Award 7182	Paper 1	
	Description of Subject Content	Social Influence; Memory; Attachment and Psychopathology
	Length of Exam	2 hours
	Nature of Exam	Multiple choice; short answer and extended writing
	Paper 2	
	Description of Subject Content	Approaches in Psychology; Biopsychology; Research Methods
	Length of Exam	2 hours
	Nature of Exam	Multiple choice; short answer and extended writing
	Paper 3	
	Description of Subject Content	Issues and Debates in Psychology; Relationships; Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology
	Length of Exam	2 hours
	Nature of Exam	Multiple choice; short answer and extended writing

AS LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Year 2019/20 Advanced Subsidiary Award
Examination Board: AQA 7181

Paper 1

Description of Subject Content	Social influence; Memory & Attachment
Length of Exam	1 hour 30 minutes
Nature of Exam	Multiple choice; short answer and extended writing

Paper 2

Description of Subject Content	Approaches in Psychology; Psychopathology and Research Methods
Length of Exam	1 hour 30 minutes
Nature of Exam	Multiple choice; short answer & extended writing

STUDENT VIEW

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Naturally I was apprehensive about taking an entirely new subject, especially being the first year to take the new A-level course but I had no reason to worry. Individually tailored support is given to every piece of work, with a particular focus on exam techniques, meaning when I came to sit my exams I was rightly confident I had been prepared for every question possible. A genuinely interesting subject, the wide range of concepts and ideas learnt all relate to everyday life, from forming relationships to forensic psychology, there really is something for everyone! The variety of teaching techniques, whether it be group presentations or class experiments, combined with the teacher's enthusiasm for their subject makes for a truly enjoyable two years of learning. I cannot recommend psychology highly enough, I've taken away so many transferable skills that all compliment my other subjects and most importantly look forward to every lesson. If you are fascinated by not only the human mind and behaviour, but also its wider effects on our everyday life then psychology is for you.

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