

A-level Psychology

Below you will find some information regarding the A-level Psychology course. Please note that there are some entry requirements for this course. Please speak to us if you have any queries or questions.

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour. Psychologists are interested in explaining why people behave the way they do, and in developing techniques to improve the quality of people's lives.

What is covered?

- Paper one: social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology (two hours).
- Paper two: approaches in psychology, biopsychology, research methods (two hours).
- Paper three: issues and debates in psychology, relationships, schizophrenia, forensic psychology (two hours).

What does the course involve?

You will cover a range of topics over the two year period as outlined above. Psychologists are interested in explaining human behaviour in all its forms; they create a variety of theories in order to do this.

You will be encouraged to evaluate these and consider the extent to which research supports or challenges them. Psychologists conduct research to develop their theories, this is an important aspect of the course and you will have the opportunity to carry out several pieces of small-scale research and analyse your results using statistical tests.

Quick course facts

You should have a minimum of five GCSEs graded at level 4 or above, including Mathematics and level 5 or above in English.

Psychology involves critical thinking and the ability to develop an argument.

You will be encouraged to apply your knowledge to real world examples.

The exams include a combination of multiple choice questions, short answer and extended writing questions.

You will gain an insight into why people behave the way they do.

