

# Psychology

## Course Overview

A level psychology develops an awareness of the variety and complexity of the human mind, human behaviour and human relationships. It will promote understanding of self, other people, moral behaviour and thought as well as cultural differences/similarities. Psychology is seen as a science, and studying psychology will give you a real understanding of 'how science works' and will enable you to investigate the causes of human behaviour using various scientific methods and psychological approaches. The emphasis is on applying knowledge and understanding rather than just acquiring knowledge, thereby developing students' transferable skills of analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

Studying psychology can lead to a wide range of career prospects. At A Level, there is a range of topic-based options which bring together explanations from different approaches and engage students in issues and debates in contemporary psychology.

## Entry Requirements

Candidates need at least grade 6 at GCSE level in English and Maths.

## A-Level

**Paper 1:** Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology

**Paper 2:** Approaches in Psychology, Psychobiology and Research Methods

**Paper 3:** Issues and Debates, Gender, Forensic Psychology and Schizophrenia

Each unit is worth 33.3% of A level

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