

AQA AS & A Level Psychology (A)

Course Overview

The study of Psychology focuses on many different aspects of human behaviour. We investigate a number of fascinating topics many of which are directly relevant to your own present life including how we remember and forget, relationships and many other areas. This subject draws upon a number of subject areas and includes essay writing (English), undertaking and analysing research (maths and science), as well as understanding how the brain works (biology). There is a lot of opportunity for discussion and thinking critically.

Course Content

Year 12

- Memory
- Attachment
- Research Methods
- Social Influences
- Biopsychology
- Psychopathology
- Approaches

Year 13

Year 12 content plus: one from each of these option groups

- Schizophrenia/Eating Behaviours/ Stress
- Aggression/Forensic Psychology/
- Relationships
- Psychological Debates and Issues
- Statistics and Research Methods
- Biopsychology

Assessment

No coursework element, 100% examination.

AS: 50% Paper 1
50% Paper 2

No coursework element, 100% examination.

A2: 33.3% A2 Paper 1
33.3% A2 Paper 2
33.3% A2 Paper 3

Entry Requirements

Minimum 5 A*-C grades or (9-5) at GCSE including Maths, English & Science, with a GCSE Maths grade 6 or above and a minimum GCSE APS of 43. In exceptional circumstances these may be negotiated with the college. We would welcome discussion with you.

Progression

Suitable for many career paths e.g Psychology, Medicine, Nursing, Counselling, Sports psychology/science, teaching, business /organisational psychology, law, etc,

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