



PSYCHOLOGY

A-LEVEL

Examination Board: AQA

Course content:

The course content for the first year of A level will aim to develop students broad knowledge and understanding of the core areas of Psychology. During their second year, students will engage in issues and debates in Psychology as well as studying, in-depth, a number of key topics.

Assessment:

A level:

Exam	Method	Duration
1	Externally assessed written examination on: Memory, Attachments and Social Influence, Psychopathology	120 mins
2	Externally assessed written examination on: Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods	120 mins
3	Externally assessed exam on: Issues and debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia, Forensic Psychology	120 mins

Skills acquired:

- Knowledge and understanding
- Interpretation and analysis
- Research skills
- Presentation skills; an ability to explain behaviours from different psychological perspectives.

Links with other subjects:

Biology PE, Maths, Geography, English.

Possible careers:

Psychology professions e.g. Clinical Psychologist, Sports Psychologist or Educational Psychologist. Any people-centred career e.g. Teaching; Counselling; Retail Trade or Management.

Prior experience:

Minimum: GCSE Level 5 in Maths, English and Biology [or Double Science] is preferred to take A level Psychology

Student comments:

"Psychology is very enjoyable and it's interesting to learn a new subject". "Psychology is interesting, engaging and relevant to our lives". "Psychology is great – I have learnt so much since I've been studying it. "An interesting, unique insight into things you would never have looked at before".