

Psychology A-level AQA Exam Board



Why Study Psychology?

Psychology is a fascinating science concerned with the study of the mind and behaviour. It has links with a variety of disciplines such as biological, computer and forensic sciences, as well as the humanities such as sociology, philosophy and literature. The common factor linking people who study psychology is curiosity and the search for scientific knowledge about human behaviour.



Studying Psychology will enable you to answer fascinating questions such as: What are the psychological responses to stress? Why is eyewitness testimony often wrong? What is schizophrenia? Is gender a social construct? Why do people commit crime?

If these are the kinds of questions that interest you, then psychology is the subject for you.

Possible Career Pathways:

- Clinical Psychologist
- Counselling Psychologist
- Educational Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Further Education Teacher
- Health Psychologist
- High Intensity Therapist
- Occupational Psychologist
- Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner
- Sport and Exercise Psychologist

Assessment Structure

100% External Assessment

Exam 1: Social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology

2 hour exam 33.3%

Exam 2: Approaches to psychology, biopsychology and research methods

2 hour exam 33.3%

Exam 3: Issues and debates, gender, schizophrenia and forensic psychology

2 hr exam 33.3%

Advised Entry Requirements:

Five grade 5's including 5's in GCSE English, maths and science. GCSE psychology is not a requirement.

Specification Link

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>