

# PSYCHOLOGY

## HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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## TYPE OF QUALIFICATION

A-level

## EXAM BOARD

AQA

## SPECIFICATION

<http://bit.ly/AQApsychology>

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

*Preferred:* GCSE English, Maths & Biology or Combined Science grade 6

*Essential:* GCSE English, Maths & Biology or Combined Science grade 5



## AIMS OF THE COURSE

The Psychology course is designed to introduce you to the fascinating area of human behaviour and mental processes.

You will develop skills in analysis, evaluation and written communication

Learn to explain a range of complex behaviours from differing perspectives

Enjoy learning while achieving a grade which reflects your true potential.

## COURSE OUTLINE & ASSESSMENT

### Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology:

- Social influence \* Memory \* Attachment \* Psychopathology

### Paper 2: Psychology in context:

- Approaches in Psychology \* Research Methods \* Biopsychology

### Paper 3: Issues & Options in Psychology

- ONE from schizophrenia, stress and eating disorders.
- ONE from gender, relationships and cognition & development
- ONE from aggression, addiction and forensic psychology

## CAREER PROSPECTS

Psychology complements many other subjects and is accepted as an entry qualification for all university courses. It is not essential to take A-level Psychology to be able to study Psychology at university.

A Psychology degree can lead to a wide range of career opportunities, as it is the study of human and animal behaviour. Careers in medicine and nursing, business, the media, the armed services, the Police, the Civil Service, advertising, teaching are just a few examples. Many former students have gone on to successfully pursue these careers and some have chosen to specialise further in Psychology, becoming forensic and clinical psychologists.

## SUBJECT ENRICHMENT



### Something to think about...

Is free will a myth? Would you be a good eyewitness to a crime?



### Something to listen to...

'PsychCrunch' The British Psychological Society research digest podcast.



### Something to read...

Simply Psychology, Research digest and Psychology Review magazines available via Hodder Education

