

# Psychology

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**Examination Board:** AQA

**Qualification:** A level

**Teacher Contact:** Mrs Sparrow

**Entry Requirements:** A GCSE grade 6 or above in either English Literature or a humanities subject, and a grade 5 or above in Science.

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## What will I study?

The first year comprises of two components:

### Paper 1: Introductory Topics

Students will study a range of different topics that explain behaviour such as:

Social Influence

Memory

Attachments

Psychopathology

### Paper 2: Psychology in Context

In this component, students will study the topics of:

Research Methods

Approaches

Biopsychology

Additionally, in Year 2, students will study a third component:

**Issues and Options** which involves looking at key issues and debates in psychology as well as exploring psychological explanations for addiction, schizophrenia and relationships.

## Am I suited to this course?

You would be well suited to studying Psychology at A level if you:

- love finding out about how the human mind works
- enjoy working independently as well as in groups
- respond well to discussion and like giving mini-presentations
- enjoy finding out what makes people do the things they do
- are well motivated and enjoy problem-solving
- are interested in a career in Psychology.

## What other subjects does it complement?

Psychology complements a number of other subjects, in particular Business Studies, Sociology and Science.

## Where can it lead?

Studying Psychology can lead to a career directly related to the subject, such as a clinical psychologist, but can also prepare students wishing to enter teaching or health-related careers or sport. The course is recognised as useful preparation for many university courses due to the breadth of the syllabus as well as the analytical skills students will develop.