

PSYCHOLOGY – A Level



“The good life is a process, not a state of being. It is a direction not a destination.”

Carl Rogers

Overview

Psychology is based on the scientific study of people, particularly how and why we think and behave as we do. Studying this course will provide students with a sound understanding of the various approaches in psychology and their application to a broad range of psychological topics. The topic areas have been chosen because of their importance and prominence within the subject, their accessibility to Advanced Level students and their potential for future study at university as socially significant topics.

Year 12

- Approaches in psychology
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Social Influence
- Memory
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods

Year 13

- Issues and Debates in Psychology
- Gender
- Schizophrenia
- Addiction

Assessment method

At the end of Year 12 you will sit end of year exams, these will not count towards your final results.

There are three final written examinations at A level.

Additional information

In addition to homework you will also be expected to carry out a minimum of 5 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied during which you are expected to carry out independent research and wider reading.

You will need to have an internet enabled device for research.

You are expected to have access to a copy of Hodder Education's 'AQA A Level Psychology 1' by Lawton and Willard (ISBN: 9781471834882) or a copy of Illuminate Publishing's 'AQA Psychology for A Level Year 1 and AS - Student Book' by Flanagan, Berry, Jarvis and Liddle (ISBN 9781908682406)

There will be a revision trip during year 13 to Cribbs Causeway helping students to review core material and complete exam preparations. The approximate cost of this trip is £35.

Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 5 to 9.
Students require a GCSE Grade 6 in English and Maths.

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Futures

Specialist careers such as educational, occupational, sport and clinical psychology are available with further study at degree level and beyond. Psychology enables students to develop transferable skills, particularly critical thinking and argument development which are applicable in most careers.

Exam board

