

## Psychology

**Examination Board:** AQA

**Entry Requirements:** GCSE Grade B in Science and Grade 6 in English Language.

### Why study Psychology?

The mind is something intangible that exists within our brain. An unseen process of enzymes, chemicals and electric current moving within the structure of our neural networks dictates why we feel, think and behave the way we do. But why is it that some people suffer from stress and mental illness? Why do some people fear snakes yet a few think they are cuddly? Psychology looks at questions like these in the study of the human mind and behaviour. It is a science with cutting edge research that has real world applications to issues in everyday life, ranging from things like artificial intelligence to social change.

This course will help you to develop a number of skills:

- how to view the world around you from different perspectives
- how to plan and conduct scientific investigations
- how to analyse and interpret data
- critical reasoning skills
- how to put across your point of view fluently

### Course Content:

Year 1 – Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Research Methods, Biological Psychology, Social Psychology, Approaches and Abnormality

Year 2 - Issues and Debates, Schizophrenia, Relationships, Forensic Psychology and Research Methods

### Assessment:

All Externally Examined Units.

### Further Course Information:

Psychologists observe and measure behaviour, and their therapies are based on scientific study. Psychology has links with many disciplines including Biological, Computer and Forensic Science as well as Humanities such as Sociology, Philosophy, Anthropology and even Literature. It involves study of theory, empirical evidence and practical applications. This mix of disciplines helps to make psychology such a fascinating subject

Find out more <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology>

### Future Uses:

Students who take Psychology need a combination of curiosity and scepticism and need to enjoy research. Psychology students often also study Sociology, Health & Social Care, Biology, English and Sports Studies. But students, who want a career in any of the caring services, or in marketing or business, will find an understanding of psychology useful.