



# Psychology (Linear)

AQA: Course Code 7182

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## Course Outline:

A-level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways. For example, have you ever wondered if prison really does change criminal behaviour? Or why some people conform? Or why some people develop mental health disorders? You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more. These skills will help to prepare you for an exciting future with a range of excellent career options.

On this course, students will study an array of fascinating topics including social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology and forensic psychology.

This course includes a focus on scientific enquiry, so an interest in biological sciences is recommended. Overall at least 10% of the marks in assessments for Psychology will require the use of mathematical skills. These skills will be applied in the context of A-level Psychology and will be at least the standard of higher tier GCSE mathematics. The exams will also require students to be able to write highly detailed and cohesive extended essay answers.

We look forward to welcoming highly motivated and inquisitive students to our psychology community. We also offer a range of exciting extracurricular activities to extend students' learning beyond the classroom, preparing them for the next step in their academic journey.

## Assessment Framework

This is a two-year, linear course. There are three exams, each accounting for one third (33.3%) of your A-level. Each exam is 2 hours in duration and is worth 96 marks.

The exams consist of multiple-choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

Paper 1 'Introductory topics in psychology'  
*Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology*

Paper 2 'Psychology in context'  
*Approaches in psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods*

Paper 3 'Issues and options in psychology'  
*Issues and debates in psychology, Relationships, Schizophrenia and Aggression.*

## Course Entry Requirements:

GCSE English grade 6, Biology grade 6 (or Double Science 6,5) and Mathematics grade 5

## Why Study A-level Psychology?

Many Psychologists work in the health and education services but graduates can be found in applied fields such as business and marketing, human resources, nursing, law, sport, teaching and childcare.

Others may apply their skills in other industries or careers which recognise the value of knowledge and skills in this subject such as personnel and the civil service. For more information you can visit the British Psychological Society website:  
[www.bps.org.uk](http://www.bps.org.uk)

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