

# Psychology

AQA

**Course Tutor**

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Category	Information
<b>Course entry requirement</b>	General A level entry requirements including a grade 5 in Maths, at least a grade 6 in either English or Science (556).
<b>Course description</b> <i>What will I be studying and doing?</i> <i>How much theory, how much applied or practical?</i>	<p> <b>Unit 1</b> <b>Social influence</b> - Why do people conform to group Pressures and obey authority?  <b>Unit 2</b> <b>Memory</b> - How do we remember and why do we forget?  <b>Unit 3</b> <b>Attachment</b> - How and why do we form attachments to others?  <b>Unit 4</b> <b>Approaches in Psychology</b> - What are the origins of Psychology and is Psychology a science?  <b>Unit 5</b> <b>Psychopathology</b> - What is 'abnormality'? And how do people develop Phobias, Depression and OCD?  <b>Unit 6</b> <b>Research Methods</b> – How is psychological research carried out and interpreted?  <b>Unit 7</b> <b>Biopsychology</b> - How does the brain work?  <b>Unit 8</b> <b>Issues and debates in Psychology</b> - Are Psychological studies biased in any way?         </p> <p><b>We will then pick to learn one topic from each of these option blocks:</b></p> <p> <b>Option1</b> Relationships, Gender, or Cognitive Development  <b>Option2</b> Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour, or Stress  <b>Option3</b> Aggression, Forensic Psychology, or Addiction         </p>
<b>Coursework</b>	There is no coursework for this subject.
<b>Final examination</b> <i>What's the final exam like?</i>	<p><b>A Level Psychology</b></p> <p>If you choose to take A level Psychology over 2 years we will cover topics 1-6 in the first year and topics 7,8 and 3 more (1 each from option blocks 1-3)</p> <p><b>Exams:</b> You will sit 3 summer exams <u>at the end of your second year:</u></p> <p> <b>Paper 1:</b> 2 hour exam, topics 1- 4.  <b>Paper 2:</b> 2 hour exam, topics 5  <b>Paper 3:</b> 2 hour exam, topic 8 plus one topic from each of the 3 option blocks.         </p>
<b>Post-18 Opportunities and Employment</b>	<p>Students will develop transferable skills that both support study in a wide range of subjects at university and the transition to employment, including quantitative and analytical analysis and forming and testing hypotheses. The development and application of mathematical skills prepare students for study of psychology and related courses at university.</p> <p>Students can progress from this qualification to: Higher education qualifications such as psychology degrees, and biology-related courses or further education courses such as BTEC Higher Nationals such as the Higher Nationals in Applied Biology and Biological Sciences for Industry.</p>