

# Psychology A Level

## Who is the course for?

The emphasis is on psychology as a science. An interest in people is essential, as is an open, analytical and enquiring mind.

The key questions in psychology enquire scientifically about the human mind and behaviour: 'Why do people act in such a way?' This subject offers the chance to try to understand human behaviour and the human mind in the modern world from a systematic and scientific perspective, examining and critically analysing established research conducted by psychologists.

## What does the course involve?

The course is designed to provide you with a broad understanding of Psychology and a variety of teaching and learning methods will be used including teacher-led activities, small group work, personal independent research and class discussion.

Role-play and class-based demonstrations may also be used. You will be encouraged to make use of the vast array of information available online, in books, on TV, in film, on the radio and in other media. You must be prepared to study hard, engage with the subject both inside and outside the classroom, to read widely, independently and to practice your writing technique.

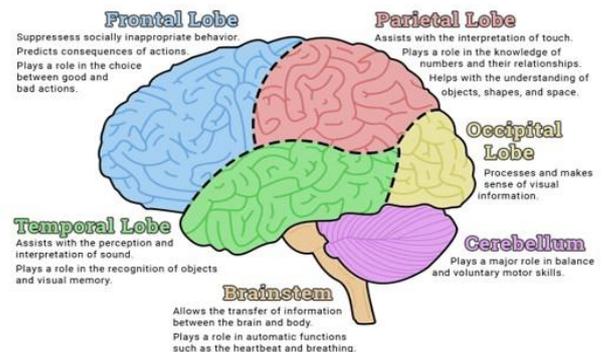
## Modules include:

**Paper 1:** Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology

**Paper 2:** Approaches, Biopsychology and Research Methods

**Paper 3:** Issues & Debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia and Aggression

## The Human Brain



## Assessment Methods

A level Psychology is assessed by three exams at the end of Year 13, which make up 100% of the qualification. All three papers are 2 hours long and each is worth 33.3% of the overall A level marks

## Progression Options

Given that psychology involves a critical understanding of what makes people tick, it can be useful in all aspects of life - personal, social, academic and professional.

Universities welcome psychology A level for both arts and science-based courses as it complements any subject combination and a variety of academic disciplines.

## Awarding Body

AQA