

# Psychology

## Why this course is right for you

Psychology is the science of the human mind and behaviour. We use scientific methods to explore how and why people behave the way they do. It encompasses topics such as why people conform, the validity of eyewitness testimony, why we form attachments and how phobias develop.

If you are inquisitive, have a scientific mind and are interested in social sciences, this subject is right for you.

Through studying this subject you will develop your powers of research, analysis, problem solving and communication and better understand human nature.



## Course Content

Exam board: AQA

**Head of Department/Faculty:**  
**Lucy O'Shaughnessy**

### Topics

- Social influence
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Memory
- Research methods
- Psychological approaches
- Biopsychology
- Issues and Debates
- Schizophrenia
- Forensic Psychology
- Gender

### Assessment:

100% written examination in Year 13  
Introductory topics in Psychology  
Psychology in context  
Issues and options in Psychology

## Additional Experiences

Students will learn through conducting practical research projects where they will recruit and test participants on a range of behaviours.

Students will also have the opportunity to go on trips throughout the course e.g to local universities, psychiatric museums and revision conferences.

## Subject Entry Requirements

Grade 5 GCSE English and Grade 5 GCSE Science.

## Beyond A Levels

A level psychology students often go on to study psychology at university. It combines well with subjects such as biology, education, sociology, English, business studies or law.

Psychology is a great foundation for a career in mental health such as child or clinical psychology and counselling. It is also a well respected subject providing students with a wide range of skills which many sectors value. From business, marketing and advertising, to human resources and consulting.

## Going further

If you think you might be interested in Psychology take a look at the following:

- All in the mind Podcast by Claudia Hammond
- Introduction to Psychology: Crash Courses on YouTube
- Psychology: Everything you need to know to master the subject in one book by Alan Porter

**"Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakens."**

Carl Jung