

Psychology

Awarding body: Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA)

Qualification: A/S and A Level- Most students will be entered for the full A level

Method of assessment: Assessment is by written examinations only. No Coursework

Course entry requirement: Good literacy and numeracy skills are required and therefore students should have a minimum grade 5 in Science and 5 or above in GCSE Mathematics and 4 in English

Course description and what it will be like: Psychology specification introduces students to the broad range of Psychology topics. It is classed as a Science.

This course of study comprises written units at AS and at A-level, with no coursework. The emphasis is on applying knowledge and understanding, thereby developing students' transferable skills of analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

There are a range of topic-based options, which bring together explanations from different approaches and engage students in issues and debates in contemporary Psychology. This is the main entry route.

Specification and Units of Study

Paper 1(A2)	Paper 2(A2)	Paper 3(A2)
Introductory topics in psychology	Psychology in context	Issues and options in psychology
2hr paper (33.3% of the A-level)	2hr paper (33.3% of the A-level)	2 hr paper (33.3% of the A-level)
Social influence Memory Attachment Psychopathology	Approaches in Psychology Biopsychology Research methods	Issues and debates in Psychology + Gender, Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology.

Opportunities for Progression and Career Prospects: You will develop skills of analysis, interpretation and evaluation. This would support careers in a wide range of areas such as educational psychology, counselling, nursing, social work, policing or teaching.

