



Psychology

Advanced General Certificate of Education

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the 'study of the mind'. The course is designed to help you understand human thinking and behaviour and aims to encourage students to develop an understanding of different theoretical ideas and theories to explain this phenomena. This course is suitable for individuals who want to learn more about the human mind and how our decisions are shaped by our interactions with those around us.

Course details:

Awarding body: AQA A-level Psychology (7182)

Content:

You will study the following compulsory topics:

- Memory
- Social Influence
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches in psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods
- Issues and Debate

You will also study the following optional topics: (please note that this is subject to change)

- Gender
- Stress
- Forensic psychology
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Assessment overview

Students will sit three examinations at the end of the course which are each 2 hours long and consist of a range of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

- Paper 1: Introductory topics in psychology
- Paper 2: Psychology in content
- Paper 3: Issues and options in psychology



Career Opportunities:

Psychology opens the door to many job opportunities, not solely working as a psychologist. Most psychology graduates go onto graduate schemes in large companies, as this subject helps you understand how to work with others. The following are the common types of employment for psychology graduates: management roles, sports coaching, training and human resources, police, probation, prison service, nursing or care worker, hospitals, clinical psychologist, social worker, teachers, lecturers and researchers.

Specific Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs (grade 9-4) including English, mathematics and science. Please be aware that psychology involves various aspects of mathematical and biological concepts.

