



Psychology

Level 3: AS / A2

AQA

PROGRAMME AIM: To provide students with a sound understanding of the various methods and approaches in psychology. We aim to help the students to develop their research skills in psychology including basic data analysis. In addition we encourage the students to develop their confidence in forming coherent arguments and developing communication skills to enable them to present subject content to small groups. The topics covered through the two years are stimulating, thought provoking and wide ranging.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS / SUITABILITY:

A minimum of GCSE grade C or above in Science, Mathematics and English is the entry requirement. This is to ensure students can cope with the analytical nature of the work and the extended writing tasks involved. Some basic mathematical processing of numerical data will also be necessary.

CONTENT:

A-Level

- Social Influence*
- Memory*
- Attachment*
- Psychopathology*

- Approaches in Psychology*
- Research Methods*
- Biopsychology

- Issues & Debates in Psychology
- Gender
- Stress
- Addiction

Assessment—3 x 2 hour written examinations

*AS content

Assessment—2 x 1.5 hour written examinations

LEADS TO:

The Psychology course can lead to a career in Sport, Health, Education, Childcare, Nursing, the Law, Social Work, Criminal / Forensic Research, and Personnel Management. A significant number of students continue to pursue the subject at university and beyond into professional careers. We have had a number of successful past students who have qualified professionally, returning to school and delivering specialist content to our new psychology students.

Due to Government reforms the above course content and assessment structure is subject to change. You will be notified as soon as this information becomes available.