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# Psychology

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Contact Teacher:** Miss R Higgins

## Why study Psychology?

Psychology offers an opportunity to develop the critical skills of analysis and interpretation, and appreciation of the contribution of psychology to social and individual issues. The aim of the course is to allow students to open their minds and produce questions and answers, about themselves and others that most may never think of. This course has been designed to provide a broad introduction to the scope and nature of Psychology. The emphasis is on applying knowledge and understanding rather than just acquiring knowledge, thereby developing students' transferable skills of analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

## Course details

### AS level

**Unit 1:** Cognitive Psychology (Memory): Developmental Psychology (Early Social Development) and Research methods

**Unit 2:** Biological Psychology (Stress), Social Psychology (Conformity) and individual differences (Abnormality)

### A2 level

**Unit 3:** Topics in Psychology, which includes looking at psychological issues such as Sleep and Dreaming, Aggression and Relationships and Gender.

**Unit 4:** Psychopathology, Psychology in Action, and Research Methods

## How is the course taught and assessed?

Throughout AS and A level the course is taught in a way that lets students open their minds, think critically, question things, evaluate their usefulness and practise good examination techniques to make sure they are fully prepared to show their potential within the examinations.

There are two examinations in both AS and A2 level years.

## Entry requirements

Students must have achieved 6 GCSE grades including a C's in English Language and Mathematics and a B in Science GCSE.