



## Psychology

Exam Board: AQA

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### 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

<b>Paper 1</b> Introductory Topics in Psychology	Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology	2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A Level
<b>Paper 2</b> Psychology in Context	Approaches in Psychology, Psychopathology and Research Methods	2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A level
<b>Paper 3</b> Issues and Options in Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issues and Debates in Psychology</li><li>• Relationships or Gender option</li><li>• Stress or Schizophrenia</li><li>• Aggression or Forensics</li></ul>	2 hour written exam, 33.3% of A level

### How is the course taught and assessed?

Regular exam/essay assessment with focus on assessment objectives throughout. Opportunities to carry out psychological research.

### Entry Requirements

Standard College entry requirements including 6 in Biology and 5 in English.

### Career routes and popular combinations

Psychological is an excellent basis for a wide range of future careers and degree subjects. These include marketing, social work, law, medicine and education, counselling and criminology.