

Psychology



AQA
A-Level

Overview

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Aims

- ▶ Acquire knowledge and explore the different facets of Psychology as an academic discipline in accordance with the British Psychological Society.
- ▶ Understand and evaluate psychological perspectives and research methods

Grade Requirement

You must have the College's general requirements for A-Level study with at least a grade 'B' in English Language and Maths. You must be competent in your reading skills and capable of independent study.

Complementary Subjects

Psychology complements most other subjects as it contains elements from English, Maths and Science. Students will conduct statistical analysis, psychological research and write essays during the course of their studies.

AS-Level

Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Research Methods

Social Psychology, Biological Psychology and Individual Differences

A2-Level

Topics in Psychology

Psychopathology, Psychology in Action and Research Methods.



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Students will acquire knowledge and explore the different facets of Psychology as an academic discipline in accordance with the British Psychological Society. Psychology aims to help students understand and evaluate psychological perspectives and assess a range of research methods through active involvement in the research process. Applicants will develop skills that enable individuals to analyse, evaluate and think critically about a wide range of concepts and materials.

Students interested in their own and others behaviour will be enthusiastic about this subject. They will need to be comfortable with mathematics as this subject will involve some statistical analysis. Students will be required to write essays, both within their class work and in the exam, with regards to psychological concepts and methodology.

As with any subject at A-level students will need to be self-motivated and organised. It is also worth bearing in mind that Psychology is 100% exams. Due to the versatility of this course candidates will be equipped with the skills needed for a wide variety of professional and/or further educational courses. The material covered would also be useful for careers in Psychology, Teaching, Social Services, Policing, Mental Health Care and a wide range of related areas.

