



# A Level Psychology

Students will be expected to:

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues.
- Apply their new found knowledge in a range of contexts with analysis and evaluation.
- Evaluate the appropriateness and effectiveness of certain therapies and treatments.
- Develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills.

## ASSESSMENT

Psychology is assessed by external examination only. At the end of the second year students will sit three 2 hour exams. There is no coursework.

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology (Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology)

Paper 2: Psychology in Context (Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods)

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology (Issues and Debates in Psychology, Relationships, Forensic Psychology, Stress Psychology)

Overall at least 10% of the marks in assessments for Psychology will require the use of mathematical skills and will be at least the standard of higher GCSE mathematics. Further details of the content of the course can be found at [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

This academic subject is a useful entry point into a wide range of degree choices or careers because it builds on skills developed in the sciences and humanities. Students can find out more information about options available to them at [www.bps.org.uk/careers](http://www.bps.org.uk/careers)

## SKILLS REQUIRED

There is a large quantity of new material to be delivered for a subject that most students will probably not have studied at GCSE before. Therefore it is important that students have a strong aptitude for independent learning and are able to deliver coherent arguments both verbally and in writing.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENT

The minimum entry requirements for Level 3 academic study apply. In addition, applicants will require a Grade 6 in English and a Grade 5 in Maths.

## EXAM BOARD

AQA.