

A Level Psychology



"The purpose of Psychology is to give us a totally different view of the things we think we know best"

Paul Valery

This course is for those who have an enquiring mind, like to discuss and wish to gain an understanding of how humans develop, socialise and interact with each other. Psychology is not just an academic subject; it is a life-skill!

Psychology A-Level has experienced a surge in student demand in recent years and has become a popular choice for students. Whilst we would love to tell you that studying Psychology will enable you to read peoples' minds (it doesn't!), there are still many reasons for studying this exciting new subject. Psychology is defined as the 'scientific study of the human mind and behaviour' but is much more than this. Students will explore how the human brain works and attempt to explain a wide range of behaviours through the study of topics such as **memory, attachment, aggression, gender, phobias, schizophrenia, prejudice and obedience to authority**. These are just some of the areas discussed in this course!

How you will be assessed:

The subject is assessed through three written exam papers at the end of the second year of study. Each exam paper contains a range of topics and includes short answer questions, essays and maths questions.

What you need to get started:

You will need GCSEs in English, Maths and Science at grade 5. It is important that you have good extended writing skills, are a hardworking person and someone who enjoys new challenges. Psychology is unique in that it combines well with nearly all other Level 3 courses, but in particular, goes well with sciences and humanities subjects.



"The most obvious reason for me choosing Psychology is the insight gained into the mind, brain and human behaviour. The practical application of Psychology is apparent in nearly every career path; it works hand in hand with my post 18 aspiration to study Marketing. Psychology is a very enjoyable subject to take, and it is easy to become engrossed into the complex and interesting subject content."

Jack, Year 12 Student

Last year our A-Level Psychology students were successful in securing places on a range of fantastic courses at highly respected universities, including those in Newcastle, Leeds, Manchester and even Paris! An amazing 70% of our students went on to study a degree in Psychology or a closely related discipline such as Neuroscience, Childhood Studies, Sports Psychology and Mental Health Nursing.

What next?

Psychology is one of the most popular subjects to study because it has a big impact on all areas of life, from education and health, to the economy and crime.

It's important to know that many universities request Science A-Levels to complete certain courses; Psychology is accepted as a Science by many universities.

Regardless of your aspirations, A-Level Psychology is highly respected by all universities and for a wide range of courses. It is considered to be a demanding subject offering a range of valuable academic skills such as written communication, data analysis, research skills, and the ability to form an argument based on considered evidence. And of course, an insight into how peoples' minds work!

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