

PSYCHOLOGY



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This evening we
are going to
tell you about:

- What is A Level Psychology?
- Course structure
- Assessment
- Extra resources
- What are lessons like?
- Complementary Subjects
- Benefits of 100 Mins
- Potential degree and apprenticeship routes from this A-Level
- Potential career opportunities



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What is A Level Psychology?

Psychology is the study of human behaviour.

Why do we behave the way that we do?



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Course Structure

- 8 Compulsory Modules
- 3 Option Modules

Year 12	Year 13
Approaches	Issues and Debates
Attachment	Research Methods
Biopsychology	Cognition and Development
Memory	Forensics
Psychopathology	Schizophrenia
Social Influence	
Research Methods	



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Assessment

- At the end of Year 12, we internally set mock exams. This **DOES NOT** count towards the A level. It is used to assess your progress and inform predicted grades.
- At the end of Year 13, there will be 3 papers
- Each paper is worth 96 marks and lasts for 2 hours



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Assessment

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology

What's assessed

Compulsory content- Social influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 96 marks in total
- 33.3% of A-level

Paper 2: Psychology in Context

What's assessed

Compulsory content- Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research methods

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 96 marks in total
- 33.3% of A-level

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology

What's assessed

Compulsory content- Issues and Debates
Optional content- 3 options

Assessed

- written exam: 2 hours
- 96 marks in total
- 33.3% of A-level



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What are lessons like?

Multi-layered approach to teaching including:

- Experiments
- Scenario questions
- Essay writing
- Group Discussions
- Mini games and quizzes
- Exam question activities
- Creative tasks, such as making psychology models e.g. multi store model of memory
- Research Projects



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Extra Resources

- A Level Year 1 & Year 2 Cara Flanagan textbook
- Booklets for each topic
- Every lesson will be available on Psychology Hub
- Drop-in sessions on a Tuesday
- Detailed exam packs, bursting with past papers, knowledge organisers and handmade revision posters- no other college offers these!



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Complimentary subjects

The key skills developed in psychology are:

- ❑ Critical thinking
- ❑ Interpretation
- ❑ Research
- ❑ Considering competing viewpoints
- ❑ Structuring an effective argument
- ❑ Extended writing

These are an excellent compliment to

- ❑ Politics
- ❑ Sociology
- ❑ Law
- ❑ Economics
- ❑ Business Studies
- ❑ History
- ❑ English Literature and English Language and Literature
- ❑ MFL



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Benefits of 100 Minute Lessons

- More time to get into depth and explore topics.
- More one to one challenging.
- More feedback given.
- More likely to retain the information.
- More time to challenge students understanding.
- Build better relationships.
- Delve deeper into the learning



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Potential Degree/Apprenticeship Routes

- ❑ Psychology is one of the most popular degrees at university
- ❑ Studying A-level psychology can positively contribute to your personal and professional life.
- ❑ The skills and knowledge you acquire from the course can provide you with options that drive your career in a more rewarding direction.
- ❑ Psychology can be a useful skill regardless of your background.




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Potential Career Opportunities

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THE LEGAL PROFESSION




What is it?
A career in the legal profession is concerned with advising on matters of law. There are many different careers paths within law including barrister, solicitor and paralegal.

Links to A-Level Psychology
Through your study of memory, you'll be introduced to interesting pieces of research on eyewitness testimony develop an understanding of how and why our memory can be so unreliable, and the implications this has for criminal justice system.

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BUSINESS




What is it?
A career in business can cover a variety of different areas including operations, marketing, accounting and finance.

Links to A-Level Psychology
Your study of A-Level psychology will allow you to explore the variables that influence our behaviour. Through your study of social learning theory, you'll develop an understanding of how advertising works. You'll also be introduced to Maslow's hierarchy of needs as part of your study of the humanistic approach, which is a model also used in business theory when exploring motivation.

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MEDICINE



What is it?
Those working in the field of medicine are concerned with the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. Although there are many career paths in medicine, perhaps the most well known are that of a doctor, nurse or surgeon.

Links to A-Level Psychology
A-Level Psychology is a popular choice for those wanting to pursue a career in medicine as it is classified as a science. Many undergraduate programmes of study for medicine will include modules on psychology and psychiatry. Through your study of psychopathology at A-Level, you'll be introduced to the medical model of OCD and develop an understanding of the biological causes of this disorder as well as its treatment.

THERAPY




What is it?
A career in therapy focuses on the treatment of disorders. There are many different branches of therapy including cognitive behavioural theory, psychotherapy and humanistic therapy.

Links to A-Level Psychology
As therapy is concerned with the treatment of disorders it has many links to the study of psychology. During your A-Level Psychology studies you'll be introduced to many forms of therapeutic intervention through the study of psychopathology. The optional topic of schizophrenia in Paper 3 will introduce you to issues with the diagnosis of this disorder as well as numerous therapeutic interventions, for example, family therapy.

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ACADEMIA




What is it?
A career in academia is likely to involve planning and carrying out research for publication in journals.

Links to A-Level Psychology
Psychology is built around theories and pieces of research designed to test those theories. Through your study of research methods, you'll gain a solid understanding of how to carry out research. You will also be introduced to the peer review process and how it is used to assess the quality of research that has been conducted.

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EDUCATION



What is it?
A career in the education sector is concerned with the passing on of knowledge. Jobs in this sector span a lifetime of learning, from primary all the way through to post-graduate teaching.

Links to A-Level Psychology
The study of Psychology at A-Level will introduce you to some of the core theories of how we are able to learn. Through your study of attachment, you'll also study how experiences in early childhood can affect levels of intelligence. As part of your study of issues and debates you will also consider the nature vs nurture debate which has numerous applications to the field of education, for example the heritability of intelligence.




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Potential Career Opportunities

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LAW ENFORCEMENT




What is it?
Law enforcement agencies are concerned with preventing crime. There are many different law enforcement agencies in the UK including the National Crime Agency, the Police, and the Security Services.

Links to A-Level Psychology
One of the most important skills for law enforcement professionals is the collection and interpretation of evidence. Throughout your study of Psychology, you'll develop skills of evaluation that will be crucial when considering if evidence presented is reliable and valid. You'll also be introduced to interview techniques used by law enforcement agencies in your study of memory.

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FORENSICS

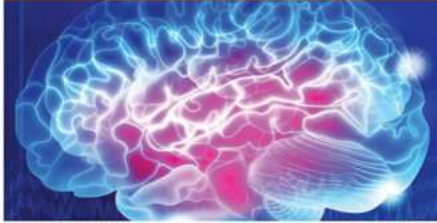


What is it?
Forensics is concerned with the study of crime. There are numerous careers in this field including crime scene investigator, forensic psychologist and DNA analyst.

Links to A-Level Psychology
Much of the research in the area of forensics is concerned with laboratory-based experiments. Through your study of research methods, you'll develop a detailed and critical understanding of the use of laboratory-based methods of investigation. The optional topic of forensic psychology in Paper three will provide you with an excellent introduction of how influential psychology is to the study of forensics.

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NEUROSCIENCE




What is it?
The study of the nervous system. Neuroscientists study the brain and develop an understanding of how it works. Many neuroscientists will specialise in a particular area of study, for example, Alzheimer's.

Links to A-Level Psychology
Throughout the Psychology A-Level there are many opportunities to explore the link between neuroscience and psychology. In your study of biopsychology you'll be introduced to the structure and function of the nervous system and also the different structures within the brain. Through your study of the biological approach you'll develop a critical understanding of how the brain can influence behaviour.

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SPORTS AND EXERCISE



What is it?
Individuals who work in the area of sports and exercise will be interested in the factors influencing physical performance. There are a variety of types of employment in this area including physical therapist, occupational therapist and sports psychologist.

Links to A-Level Psychology
Through the study of approaches, you'll develop a secure foundation of knowledge relating to the different factors that motivate human behaviour. In addition, through the study of biopsychology and the biological approach, you'll be introduced to the structure and function of a number of biological processes.

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Potential Career Opportunities

Directly related fields such as;

- Clinical psychologist
- Counselling psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Further education teacher
- Health psychologist
- High intensity therapist
- Occupational psychologist
- Psychological wellbeing practitioner
- Sport and exercise psychologist

A psychology degree is a great starting point for a career in both science and the arts, as it equips you with a range of skills and opens up opportunities with many kinds of employers



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Potential Career Opportunities

Indirectly related fields such as;

- Advice Worker
- HR and Marketing
- Police Officer
- Social Worker
- Business and management careers

And many more.....

The practical or research aspects of your studies could also provide opportunities for team working, presentation skills, problem solving and use of initiative.



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Questions ?