

PSYCHOLOGY

AQA 7182

What is Psychology?

'The study of brain and behaviour'

Psychology is a scientific discipline that uses a range of approaches to study human behaviour. This includes exploring biological, psychological and social research studies and theories to help explain the complexity of human behaviour.

What will you study?

Year 12:

Explanations of how memory works, why people are obedient, how to treat mental illness and biological explanations of how the brain works alongside practical research skills that underpin psychology.

Year 13:

Explanations and treatments for schizophrenia, the key issues and debates in psychology, forensic psychology and explanations of human relationships.

Paper 1

Social influence, Memory, Psychopathology and Attachment

Paper 2

Approaches, Biopsychology and Research Methods

Paper 3

Issues and debates, and optional topics



Why study Psychology?

You will have the opportunity to:

- Attend interesting trips in both years, including observational animal research and a trip to Shrewsbury prison,
- Carry out your own research and learn how to think like a psychologist.

You will also:

- Be offered one to one support with your studies (to support and extend knowledge),
- Be encouraged to think deeply and read widely, and be given access to a wide range of materials.

What complements Psychology?

Biology (direct course links), **Mathematics** (10% of the course is Maths based), **English Literature** (Psychology involves essay writing and analysis), **Sociology** and **Economics** (cross over of content)

What skills will I gain?

- Practical research skills: we use the scientific research method,
- Analysis and evaluation: we assess the strengths and limitations of research.

Where could studying Psychology lead?

Over 75,000 people go on to study Psychology at degree level each year.

Professional careers that involve further study include Clinical, Educational and Occupational Psychology. Other graduate destinations include:

Human health and social work, Education, Legal, social, and welfare professions.