

| Psychology            |   |
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| Awarding Body         | AQA Specification Code  |
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| Type of qualification | A level   |
| Entry Requirements    | Grade 5 in English Language and mathematics   |
| Course Content        | Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. Psychology is a science and involves the study of mental processes and behaviour in the context of real life experiences. This course is for those who have an enquiring mind, like to discuss and wish to gain an understanding of how humans (and non-humans) develop, socialise and interact with each other. Psychology is not just an academic subject; it's a life-skill.  Three Papers, 2 hours long, 96 marks per paper.  |
|                       | Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology Attachment, Social Influence, Psychopathology, Memory  |
|                       | Paper 2: Psychology in Context Approaches in Psychology, Research Methods, Biopsychology  |
|                       | Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology One of each of the three options below and Issues and Debates. Option 1: Relationships, Gender, Cognition and Development Option 2: Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour and Stress Option 3: Aggression, Forensic Psychology, Addiction   |
|                       | <ul> <li>Research Methods is also included in paper 1 and 3         <ul> <li>(approximately 10%)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| Assessment Method     | Linear Examination  |
| Career Pathway        | Students will develop transferable skills that both support study in a wide range of subjects at university and the transition to employment, including quantitative and analytical analysis and forming and testing hypotheses. The development and application of mathematical skills prepare students for study of psychology and related courses at university. Students can progress from this qualification to: 1) Higher education qualifications such as psychology degrees, and biology-related courses 2) Further education courses such as BTEC Higher Nationals such as the Higher Nationals in Applied Biology and Biological Sciences for Industry. |
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