



# SUBJECT: Psychology A Level

**HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:**  
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**EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:**  
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## SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

Paper 1 – Introductory topics to Psychology - Social influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology.  
Paper 2 – Psychology in context - Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research methods.  
Paper 3 – Issues and Options in Psychology – Issues and debates in Psychology, drawn from:  
Relationships, Gender, Cognition and development, Schizophrenia, Eating behaviour, Stress, Aggression, Forensic psychology, Addiction. Your teacher will select the most appropriate options.

## WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

If you have an enquiring mind, a good sense of humour and enjoy reading and debating then this is the subject for you. The study of Psychology will enable you to gain fascinating insights into human and animal behaviour. Paper 1 Introductory topics to Psychology - Social influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology. Paper 2 Psychology in context - Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research methods. Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology. Issues and debates in Psychology, drawn from: Relationships, Gender, Cognition and development, Schizophrenia, Eating behaviour, Stress, Aggression, Forensic psychology, Addiction. Paper 3 involves a choice of three optional topics selected by teaching staff.

## SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

You will need to show a willingness to undertake wider reading and further study outside the classroom. You will need to be aware of and engaged in up to date news stories that link to different aspects of the course.

## HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Paper 1 - Introductory topics to Psychology written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total, 33.3% of A-level.  
Paper 2 - Psychology in context, written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total, 33.3% of A-level.  
Paper 3 - Issues and Options in Psychology -written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total, 33.3% of A-level.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You will develop many different skills through this course such as:  
Develop knowledge and understanding of science and how science works  
Recall and organise scientific knowledge  
Analyse and evaluate scientific knowledge  
Apply knowledge to everyday and unfamiliar situations  
Data handling techniques  
Use of and evaluation of scientific methodology

## SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, you will need to have at least a grade 6 in your GCSE Humanities subject/s and a grade 5 or above in Mathematics. It would be an advantage to have at least a grade 6 or better in English Language.