



If you are interested.....

As psychology is probably new to you, have a read of a psychology text book and get a feel for the subject. There are also lots of popular psychology books, films and websites around so take a look and have a read/watch!

Useful introductory textbooks:

- Psychology - Gross
- Edexcel A level psychology - K. Smith

Useful websites to take a look at:

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk/>
<http://www.psychologyhacked.com>
<http://www.bps.org.uk/index.cfm>
<http://www.brainconnection.com/>
<http://www.psychologicalscience.org/>
<http://www.psychologywizard.co.uk>

Any further questions?

Speak to Mrs Nicholls, Miss Sykes or Miss Silver

Or email.....

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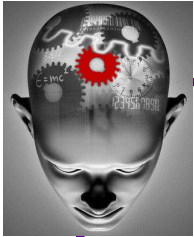


Psychology A level

An inspirational subject that will open your mind to the complexities of human behaviour.



Why study psychology?



Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. It is a fascinating subject to study as it opens your mind to many interesting issues which directly relate to you as a human being.

Are you interested in finding out answers to the following questions?

- *How can we explain and help individuals who have dyslexia?*
- *How can we treat people with phobias?*
- *Should eyewitness testimony be trusted?*
- *What is prejudice and how can we reduce it in society?*
- *Is aggressive behaviour a product of nature or nurture?*
- *How effective is drug therapy at treating addictions?*

If so, then maybe psychology is the subject for you!



What will I study?

We study the **Edexcel** psychology specification

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/psychology-2015.html>

In **Year 1** (Year 12) you will learn about the four main theoretical approaches in psychology and the way in which psychologists work in the real world. As psychology is a science subject, you will learn about research methods and the processes involved in planning psychological research. You will have the opportunity to conduct many of your own small scale investigations as part of the course.

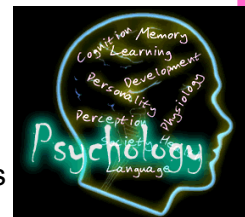
Topics studied in Year 1:

Cognitive
Social
Biological
Learning Theories

In **Year 2** (Year 13) study focuses on two main applications of psychology to the real world, synoptic links and research methods.

Topics studied in Year 2:

Clinical psychology
Child psychology



How will I be assessed? There will be 3 written papers at the end of the 2 year course. You will have regular tests and other assessments throughout the 2 year course.

Paper 1: Foundations in Psychology—35%

Paper 2: Applications of Psychology (clinical and child psychology) - 35%

Paper 3: Psychological skills—30%

What requirements are there for studying Psychology?

GCSE Grade 5 in Mathematics and English and GCSE Grade 5 in Biology or Additional Science. You also need to be highly organised, motivated and willing to participate in lessons.

What careers is Psychology A level useful for?

Psychology is a good subject to study as it combines Science with more 'arts' components such as essay writing, discussion and critical thinking.

Taking psychology A level means that you are well-equipped to study psychology or other related degrees at university. It is also a useful subject for a variety of careers including medicine, teaching and business.

