

Psychology

A Level Specification: AQA 7182

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What will I study?

Year 1

You will study social influence, which includes topics such as conformity and obedience, attachment, which looks at parent-child relationships and memory.

Also included in year 1 are the ways in which psychologists try to explain behaviour and mental disorders. Lastly you will study research methods used by psychologists.

Year 2

Year 2 covers topics such as schizophrenia, forensic psychology and relationships. You also study more explanations for behaviour including Freud. The structure and function of the brain is taught as well as how we study the brain. You will continue with research methods from year 1.

How will I be assessed?

There are three papers at the end of the course which cover the topics studied over the two years. The exam includes multiple choice, short answer and essay questions. In class you will be assessed by verbal questioning, white board work and end of topic tests.

How will I Learn?

In a huge variety of ways, including PowerPoint presentations, text books, making posters or leaflets, youtube videos, discussions and debates.

You will work on exam questions and how to structure them and carry out research and mini projects. You will have the added benefit of having two teachers with different teaching styles which will broaden your understanding of the subject.



What skills will I need?

Motivation, enthusiasm and determination. There is a lot to learn! You will learn to express opinions and listen to the viewpoints of others. You will develop analysis and application skills as well as learning the skill of evaluation. You will need good organisational and planning skills.

Careers and Progression

As Psychology is all about behaviour, it is a useful subject for any career, as it teaches you about how people think, learn and behave. Career choices could include Sports Psychology, Criminology and any work in the Social Sector, including Counselling and Youth Work. You also have the option to study Psychology at a higher level in university, including Mental Health degrees or Social Work. Alternatively you could undertake an Apprenticeship for example in the NHS.

A truly **comprehensive** Sixth Form with **success** and **opportunity** for all

