

A Level: Psychology Humanities



Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
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Course Title
A-Level Psychology

QAN Code
500/2499/1

Awarding Body
AQA

Number of Units
2 per year

Unit Titles

- Unit 1** Cognitive, Developmental and Research Methods
- Unit 2** Biological, Social Psychology and Individual Differences
- Unit 3** Topics in Psychology
- Unit 4** Psychopathology, Psychology in Action and Research Methods

Year 12 Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology and Research Methods includes how memory works and how accurate memory is, the impact of early childhood experiences on development and how to carry out psychological research.

In Biological Psychology, Social Psychology and Individual Differences you will find out about stress, its causes, effects and how to cope with it; how others influence our behaviour, through conformity and how psychological abnormality is defined, its possible causes and the therapies available.

Year 13 includes consideration of some of the following areas:

- sleep and related disorders
- causes of aggression
- gender development
- eating disorders

You will study some of the following:

- the causes and treatments of a psychological disorder
- the influence of the media
- explanations of addiction
- paranormal beliefs and cultural significance
- designing psychological investigations and the scientific method.

A level Psychology develops your interest in, and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers in the subject.

Popular degree courses are:
Psychology, Law, Primary Education, Business, Medical related degrees.
As it is an extremely diverse subject, destinations are very varied.

The study of Psychology encourages students to

- appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society
- develop and demonstrate a deeper appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of How science works
- develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other.