



A Level: Psychology

Social and Computer Sciences

Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
Mrs Black

Course Title
AS and A-Level Psychology

QAN Code
AS: 601/4837/8
A Level: 601/4838/X

Awarding Body
AQA

Number of Units
2 units in Year 12 and 3 in Year 13

Unit Titles
Component 1. Introductory topics in Psychology
Component 2. Psychology in Context
Component 3. Issues and Options in Psychology (Year 13 only)

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.

Prior Study

No prior study of Psychology is required for taking either the AS or A Level qualification. Many other subjects supplement the study of Psychology, which prides itself on being cross-curricular.

Many of our students go on to study a variety of Social Studies related courses at University, for example: Psychology; Sociology; Research; Education; Social Work; Law; Healthcare

In Year 12 you will study two components:

- 1: Introductory topics in Psychology
- 2: Psychology in Context

Across both components you will study topics including Social influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology, Approaches in Psychology and Research methods.

Both components will be externally assessed and will take the following structure:

Component 1 is a written exam and will comprise three sections. It will be assessed through multiple choice, short answer and extended writing. The exam is worth 72 marks and has duration of 90 minutes forming 50% of your AS grade.

Component 2 is a written exam and will comprise three sections. It will be assessed through multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.

The exam is worth 72 marks and has duration of 90 minutes forming 50% of your AS grade.

In Year 13 you will study three components building upon your knowledge gained in Year 12.

- 1: Introductory topics in Psychology
- 2: Psychology in Context
- 3: Issues and options in Psychology

All three components will be externally assessed and will take the following structure:

Component 1 is a written exam and will comprise four sections. It will be assessed through multiple choice, short answer and extended writing. The exam is worth 96 marks and has duration of 2 hours forming 33.3% of your A-Level grade.

Component 2 is a written exam and will comprise three sections. It will be assessed through multiple choice, short answer and extended writing. The exam is worth 96 marks and has duration of 2 hours forming 33.3% of your A-Level grade.

Component 3 is a written exam and will comprise four sections. It will be assessed through multiple choice, short answer and extended writing. The exam is worth 96 marks and has duration of 2 hours forming 33.3% of your A-Level grade.