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PSYCHOLOGY (A LEVEL)

AIMS OF THE COURSE

The psychology course at A level is designed to provide students with the knowledge and skills to investigate the complexities of both the human brain and behaviour. Students are given the opportunity to study the large key theoretical concepts as well as important key studies that surround psychology. The course is also designed to enhance scientific and mathematical knowledge.

COURSE OUTLINE AND CONTENT

Assessment	Overview	Marks	%
  2:00	P1 - Introductory topics in psychology	96	33.3
  2:00	P2 - Psychology in Context	96	33.3
  2:00	P3 - Issues and options in psychology	96	33.3

This course addresses core psychological theories, research methods and the social context of ongoing psychological study. Students will explore topics relating to attachment, memory, relationships, clinical psychology and mental health while building skills in data analysis, research methodology and practical application of scientific knowledge.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN?

This course allows students to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures. Thus enabling them to apply this knowledge and understanding in a theoretical and practical context using both qualitative and quantitative data. Students will be able to analyse, interpret and evaluate scientific information, ideas and evidence in relation to issues, as well as make judgements and reach conclusions to develop and refine practical design and

procedures. There is a great emphasis on using mathematics and science.

POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Psychology is about people, their behaviour and the interactions within the world around us. Therefore psychology is extremely useful for any career. Particular careers A level Psychology can lead to are: psychology, psychotherapy, medicine, human resources, criminology, forensic science, neuroscience, and a career in the police force.

ADDITIONAL EXAM BOARD DETAILS

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxpfay4>

PREVIOUS GRADES

Exam Board: AQA

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X	Totals
2023	5	13	21	13	11	3	0	0	66
2024	6	7	15	16	8	1	0	0	53
2025	8	16	14	11	6	3	0	0	58

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 GCSE grades 4-9 including Mathematics and English Language
- Grade 5 in Mathematics and English Language
- Desirable to have a Grade 6 in an English Language, Humanities or a Science course

QUOTE

"I love psychology, but every time it answers a question, I find I need to ask many more."