

Psychology

TYPE OF QUALIFICATION	GCE AS & A level
LEVEL OF ENTRY	5 A*-C passes at GCSE (B in Maths and English)
METHOD OF ASSESSMENT	Exam: Year 12 and Year 13
LENGTH OF COURSE & NUMBER OF LESSONS PER CYCLE	One year AS and one year A2 5 Lessons per week

COURSE STRUCTURE:

Level	Unit	Title	Grade Weighting
AS level	Paper 1 (Exam)	'Social influence, Memory and Attachment'	50% AS level
AS level	Paper 2 (Exam)	'Approaches in Psychology, Psychopathology and Research Methods'	50% AS level
A level	Paper 1 (Exam)	'Social influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology'	33.3% A level
A level	Paper 2 (Exam)	'Approaches in Psychology, Research Methods and Biopsychology'	33.3% A level
A Level	Paper 3 (Exam)	'Issues, debates and approaches in psychology; Schizophrenia; Gender and Aggression'	33.3% A level

WHICH SKILLS WILL YOU ACQUIRE?

- Knowledge and understanding of relevant theories, explanations and studies
- Analysis and evaluation of approaches, issues and debates across psychological perspectives
- Ability to marshal an argument effectively on paper – coherency and clarity of expression
- Ability to use sources critically and to structure an argument
- Ability to make links across and between the themes covered, and to prioritise information

WHICH CAREER PATHWAYS EXIST AFTER STUDYING THIS SUBJECT?

- Psychological research/Clinical, Occupational and Sport Psychologist
- Politics, Civil Service & Police
- Teaching
- Media/journalism
- PR/marketing/advertising

WHICH SUBJECTS COMPLEMENT THIS COURSE?

Sociology, Philosophy, English, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Economics