

# Psychology



Psychology is taught as a science. The A level has compulsory content covering social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology, approaches in psychology, biopsychology, research methods and issues and debates in psychology. The optional content has three possible choices, where one from each option will be taught:

Option 1 – Relationships, Gender, Cognition and Development;  
Option 2 – Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour, Stress;  
Option 3 – Aggression, Forensic Psychology and Addiction.

There is a mathematical element to both qualifications but at A level you will need skills at least at the standard of higher tier GCSE maths. You will learn from psychologists based at Oxford Brookes University how the subject is applied to the real world, and have the opportunity to take part in real life psychology experiments if you wish.

## WHERE TO NEXT?

Psychology is relevant to a variety of careers including marketing, industry, personnel, teaching, law, counselling and social work; or alternatively you can study the subject in more detail to become a forensic or sports psychologist, neuropsychologist or clinical psychologist.

A LEVEL

AQA

### Assessment

100% exams,  
Three exams,  
lasting two hours  
each.