Psychology

Exam Board: AQA
Entry Requirements: Students must achieve Grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and English. Students choosing this course need both mathematical ability and strong literacy skills.

COURSE SUMMARY

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind, behaviour, feeling and thought. Psychology can best be described as a multidisciplinary programme of study that draws upon biology, history, chemistry and maths. Students develop a solid understanding of the main psychological perspectives such as the cognitive approach, social learning theory, developmental psychology, the biological approach and the psychodynamic approach as well as the methods used to study the mind.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Paper 1 (33.3%)
- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Examination: 2hr written exam

Paper 2 (33.3%)
- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods

Examination: 2hr written exam

Paper 3 (33.3%)
- Issues and debates
- Gender
- Eating behaviours
- Forensic psychology

Examination: 2hr written exam

SPECIFICATION

AS and A-level Psychology Specification Specifications for first teaching in 2015 (sanity.io)

CAREER CHOICES

Psychology A-level students can progress to a range of science and humanity related courses, including Psychology, Medicine, Law, Liberal Arts, etc. Having a Psychology A-level can be advantageous when applying for jobs in a variety of sectors, including Criminal justice, Social policy, Mental health nursing, Medicine, Educational psychology, etc.