



Abbey Gate College
Sixth Form



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Psychology

AQA

Why study this at A Level?

Studying Psychology will give you an understanding of why people think and behave in certain ways.

Throughout this inspiring and stimulating course you will consider how psychologists seek to understand and modify behaviours using scientific methods.

Studying Psychology will challenge the way you perceive the world and encourage you to think differently.

Course Content and Assessment

Year 12

- *Social Psychology – including conformity, obedience, minority influence*
- *Memory – studying models of memory, forgetting and eyewitness testimony*
- *Attachments – investigating caregiver-infant interactions, explanations for attachments and the influence of attachments on childhood and adult relationships*
- *Approaches in Psychology – studying the learning, cognitive, biological approaches*
- *Psychopathology – including the characteristics, explanations and treatments of phobias, depression and OCD*

Skills obtained

- *Describe various psychological studies and theories*
- *Evaluate with relevant strengths and limitations*
- *Analysing arguments and evidence*
- *Testing hypotheses and making informed judgements*
- *Knowledge and understanding of research methods*
- *Understanding of ethics in psychological research*

Our students have gone on to pursue a number of related university courses including Psychology Criminology, Sociology, Counselling and Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Psychology and Business and Clinical Psychology

Year 13

- *Biological Psychology*
- *Issues and Debates in Psychology*
- *Relationships*
- *Schizophrenia*
- *Aggression*

Assessment

Assessed – 100% examination
three A level exams, each accounts for one third of the A level

Each exam is 2 hours and worth 90 marks