



St Paul's Catholic School

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

Entry requirements

Students will be expected to have gained 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 or above, with the minimum requirement of a grade 6 in English, Maths and Science.

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of people, the mind and behaviour. It is diverse and has a huge impact on all areas of life, particularly in areas such as education, health, the economy, industry and crime.

Why study Psychology?

Psychology has assumed an increasingly important role in solving human problems as society has become progressively more complex. Psychologists are concerned with a variety of problems.

What child-rearing methods produce happy and effective adults? How can mental illness be prevented? What can be done to improve memory? What family and social conditions contribute to alienation, aggression and crime.

Taking an A level in psychology will give you a good grounding in the subject and fascinating insights into the human mind. The course is both challenging and stimulating. An exploration of various approaches, the broad range of exciting topic areas allows students to apply their learning to everyday life. As you study the A-level Psychology course you will gain an understanding of the main issues that arise from various psychological methods, approaches and look at the ways in which psychology can be applied.

Skills acquired in Psychology

Psychology provides many transferable skills such as problem solving, data analysis and written skills which are very useful not just to careers in psychology and health care, but in many other jobs and professions that rely on people skills and communication. As you discover how others think, you'll also be gaining an insight into your own psyche and behavioural traits, which is a valuable asset in both your personal and working life.

Exam Board

AQA

A-level Psychology (All 3 Exams at the end of the 2-year Course)



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<u>Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology</u>	<u>Paper 2: Psychology in Context</u>	<u>Paper 3: Issues and options in Psychology</u>
Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social influence • Memory • Attachment • Psychopathology 	Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaches in Psychology • Biopsychology • Research Methods 	Content <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and debates in Psychology • Gender • Schizophrenia • Forensic psychology
Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour written exam • 96 marks • 33-3% of A-level 	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour written exam • 96 marks • 33-3% of A-level 	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hour written exam • 96 marks • 33-3% of A-level
Questions 4 compulsory sections all requiring written answers worth 24 marks each	Questions 3 compulsory sections all requiring written answers, 2 worth 24 marks and Research methods worth 48 marks	Questions 4 sections all requiring written answers worth 24 marks each

For Further information, Please contact Mrs Bans