

A-Level Psychology is split into three papers: Paper 1 - Introductory Topics in Psychology
 Paper 2 - Psychology in Context
 Paper 3 - Issues and Options in Psychology
 Teaching is split between two teachers



A level Psychology Learning Journey

Beyond AGS

Psychology is one of the most popular undergraduate degrees. It can lead to other degrees such as childcare, Criminology, Mental Health Nursing, journalism, speech pathology and is a generally well respected academic A Level..

Schizophrenia
 Gender
 Forensic Psychology

Issues & Debates

Exposure to the fundamental debates within psychological research •
 Exploration into how subject content can be utilised to evidence psychological arguments

Biopsychology

Enriched understanding of how the structure and function of the brain coordinates complex human behaviour •
 Appreciation of how the brain can absorb and overcome injury/disease

Psychopathology

In depth exploration into various common mental health disorders • Understanding of dominant explanations and treatments for each disorder

Research Methods

awareness of the methodological processes that underpin psychological research •
 Prepares students for preparation and delivery of empirical research at undergraduate level

Approaches

Deepened understanding of competing psychological perspectives • Appreciation that our understanding of human behaviour is fluid and subject to dominant theories within society

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Curriculum aims

Psychology is a fascinating and demanding social science with lots of variety. The subject enables students to investigate causes of human behaviour and provides opportunities for self-discovery and for understanding others. The course builds on research, essay writing and analytical skills that are essential for successful study after A-Level. Psychology is currently the second most popular area of study at undergraduate level and is recognised by universities as an indicator of a student's academic ability.

Transition

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Memory:

Understanding of how psychological research has deepened knowledge surrounding the structure & function of memory •
 Awareness of how difficulties in memory recall can produce real world consequences

Social Influence

Exploration of how behaviour can be manipulated by the structure and function of society •
 Appreciation into how minorities can utilise behavioural principles to resist majority influence

