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## Why Psychology?

Learn about a wide range of human behaviour and the different ways in which psychologists have tried to explain and, in some cases, treat them. We build on your understanding of how science works, examine research methods and analysis and also generate theories.

You will study fascinating topics including: how memory works, how psychology can help improve eyewitness evidence in court and how as babies we form our attachment to our carers. We look at what happens in the brain to cause certain behaviours (biopsychology), and study abnormal behaviours such as OCD, phobias and depression. We also study social influences such as how we deal with authority and or how likely we are to obey someone in authority or who seems to be!

## Assessment

33.3% - Paper 1 - Introductory Topics in Psychology

33.3% - Paper 2 - Psychology in Context

33.3% - Paper 3 - Issues and Options in Psychology

## Recommended Reading

AQA Psychology for A level Year 1 and Year 2 - Student Book and Revision Guide by C Flanagan et al.

Psychology Review Magazine (Hodder Education). Online archives also available.

British Psychological Society

<https://www.bps.org.uk/>

## Recommended Entry Requirements

Grade 5 GCSE Biology or Grade 5 GCSE Combined Science

Grade 5 English and Mathematics

A genuine interest in studying the human mind and our behaviour.

## Future Pathways

University degrees, apprenticeships and careers in Education, Sports Science, Forensic Psychology, Educational and Clinical Psychology, Counsellor, Occupational Health, HR, Life Coaching, Advice Worker, Market Researcher, Marketing and Sales.

## Complementary A Levels

Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Core Maths, English, Philosophy, Ethics and Religion, Sociology

## Extra & Super Curricular

Year 13 are invited to attend a Tutor2U revision conference in December in Bristol specific to the AQA specification.

*“I have loved studying this subject;  
you consider so many varied  
topics and learn things that can  
really help you in life.”*