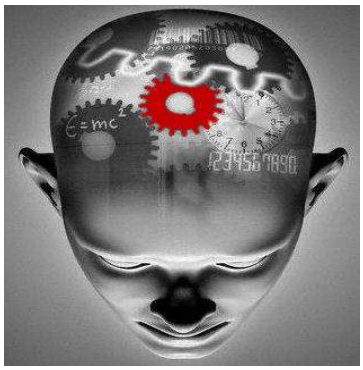
A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

What will I study?

	AS		A2
Unit 1	• Cognitive Psychology • Developmental Psychology • Research Methods	Unit 3	• Gender • Aggression • Eating Behaviour
Unit 2	• Biological Psychology • Social Psychology • Individual Differences	Unit 4	• Psychopathology • Psychology in Action • Psychological Research and Scientific Methods

INTRODUCTION

A-Level Psychology is a course which provides the opportunity for you to develop an understanding of human behaviour. You are about to explore a discipline that studies the many complexities and contradictions of human behaviour.
This course allows students to study a wide range of psychological issues and to develop skills necessary to study Psychology at a higher level.



ASSESSMENT

AS Level
Units 1 and 2 will be assessed on a written exam paper of 1hr and 30 mins. Assessment will be by essay and short answer responses.

A2 Level
Unit 3 will be assessed on a written exam paper of 1hr 30mins
Unit 4 will be assessed on a written essay style exam paper of 2hrs

What do the topics involve?

Unit 1 will involve the study of human memory, the way that humans form attachments with parents and what happens when this is disrupted. You will find out how psychologists carry out research, how they design their studies, what methods they use and how they present their findings.

Unit 2 will consider the physiological effects of stress and individual differences between people in terms of their mental health. The impact of group pressures on individual behaviour will also be studied.

Unit 3 focuses on the development of gender identity and gender roles. Explanations of aggressive behaviour and eating disorders are also studied.

In Unit 4 students will develop knowledge and understanding of the mental disorder Schizophrenia. Students will learn about the application of Psychology to additive behaviour.

OPPORTUNITIES

Psychology is offered by all universities, either as a single subject or in combination with other subjects. Career opportunities include clinical psychology, offender profiling, educational psychology, teaching, advertising, jobs with human resources management.

Entry Requirements

Students must have achieved a grade B in English at GCSE.

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