

**HIGHAM LANE  
SIXTH FORM**

# Psychology



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# FAQs

Is Psychology  
a science?

In most universities Psychology is studied as a natural science alongside chemistry, biology, physics and maths and is often paired with a science or social science such as sociology or criminology.

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. If you are fascinated by people and the way the mind works this course will inspire you to question everything you experience. Psychology may satisfy your scientific and enquiring mind, leading you to apply your knowledge outside the classroom. In addition to learning about a wide range of engaging subjects you will also develop your analytical, evaluative and independent research skills.

Exam Board: AQA (7182)

**A-level subject content:**

- Introductory topics in psychology
- Psychology in context
- Issues and options in psychology

A-level: 3 exam papers. 2 hours per paper - Maximum mark for each exam is 96 marks

Compulsory content:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research methods
- Issues and debates

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Which science is most applicable to psychology?

There are assessment opportunities for biological explanations and therapies, along with the nervous system, endocrine system, structure and function of neurons, synaptic transmission, and detailed topics regarding the brain and brain injury.

You will also be assessed on one topic from each option below:

### **Option 1**

Relationships, Gender, Cognition and Development

### **Option 2**

Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour, Stress

### **Option 3**

Aggression, Forensic Psychology, Addiction

### **Where next with this course?**

This course will prepare you for understanding people's behaviour; which means that what you learn will be useful in any profession. Due to the analytical skills developed throughout this course it is held in high esteem by universities. Careers that are particularly linked to the study of psychology are: counselling, forensic psychology, teaching, nursing, childcare and social work.

There is a biological module within this course, and your GCSE maths skills will also be required throughout each exam paper.

Further information regarding the specification may be found at:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

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How will  
psychology  
enhance my  
CV?

Studying Psychology equips you with a number of valuable transferable skills including being able to communicate effectively using appropriate language, to interpret and critically assess scientific data, and to research and critically evaluate a range of sources.

The course also encourages a development of strong literacy and numeracy skills. The acquisition of such a diverse range of skills will be of great benefit to students in further education, the workplace and society in general.

"Becoming is  
better than being."  
Carol S. Dweck

"When we are open to new  
possibilities, we find them.  
Be open and sceptical of  
everything."

Todd Kashdan

"The best way to find out  
whether you're on the right  
path? Stop looking at the  
path."  
Marcus Buckingham

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