

**Academic Requirements**

Candidates would be expected to possess a minimum of Grade B at GCSE Mathematics and English. A science, particularly Biology, would be an advantage. Students whose first language is not English would find the terminology difficult unless their English is of a good standard.

**Course Specification: AQA Psychology A (2180)**

The course consists of the following topics:

**AS modules**

- Cognitive Psychology
- Developmental Psychology
- Biological Psychology
- Individual Differences
- Social Psychology

**A2 modules**

- Social Psychology
- Research in Action
- Individual Differences: Psychopathology
- Research Methods
- Biological Rhythms and Sleep

**Why Psychology?**

This subject is for the dynamic student – it is for the pioneer. As the newest of the sciences, students will find themselves at the cutting edge of new research in most aspects of their course. Psychology combines well with any subject that involves human endeavour. Past students have combined Psychology with a variety of other courses.

It is a useful course whether the student's ultimate aim is to work with people, undertake assessment or specialise in research. Psychologists are employed widely in business, education, the health and social services, computing, law and marketing. Applications for Psychological research include police interviewing techniques, management training, pilot training and re-education projects for dangerous drivers or drug abusers.

The A level course involves a great deal of independent work, both in researching topic studies and in designing and reporting an investigation. Study skills, research skills, planning and report writing are important components of the coursework.

**A Student's Perspective**

'Psychology is an interesting subject as you learn about people's behaviours, which I feel will help me later on in life.'