

# Psychology



Psychology is the most amazing subject for people who are fascinated with how our mind works and why people behave in certain ways. Psychology helps us better understand ourselves and the people around us. For example, do you wonder what causes mental illness? Why some people manage to recover from brain injury whilst others do not? Does prison really change criminal behaviour? Do experiences you had before the age of five really shape the person you are today.

Psychology is a Science subject with academic rigour, and it will help you develop a great range of skills, such as, communication, critical thinking, research skills, essay writing and data analysis. Psychology will compliment your study of related subjects, such as Sociology and Biology and will help you gain a richer understanding of related topics. Furthermore, studying Psychology can lead to a whole host of exciting career options including: Marketing, Human, nursing and teaching.

## What is studied at KS5

### AQA A level Psychology

First year of A-level	Second year of A-level
<b>Subject content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social influence</li><li>• Memory</li><li>• Attachment</li><li>• Approaches in psychology</li><li>• Biopsychology</li><li>• Psychopathology</li><li>• Research methods</li></ul>	<b>Compulsory content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Issues and debates in psychology</li></ul> <b>Optional content</b> <b>Option one</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relationships</li><li>• Gender</li><li>• Cognition and development</li></ul> <b>Option two</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schizophrenia</li><li>• Eating behaviour</li><li>• Stress</li></ul> <b>Option three</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Aggression</li><li>• Forensic psychology</li><li>• Addiction</li></ul>