

## AQA PSYCHOLOGY

### Assessment Method

100% examination.

### Why Should I Follow This Course?

Psychology is defined as the 'scientific study of behaviour'. Psychologists aim to describe, explain, predict and even control behaviour.

Psychology is real, it is not about common sense or myths and therefore everything that is covered during A Level Psychology can be applied to real life. Because of this, it is a great subject to have knowledge of, whatever career path you may decide to go down.

Some famous studies that you will cover as part of the course include Pavlov's dogs, Milgram's study of obedience and the infamous Stanford prison experiment to name a few.

### What Will I Learn?

Over the two years you will cover a whole host of topics including:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches
- Research Methods
- Issues and debates

Choice from a selection of topics including:  
Relationships/Gender/Schizophrenia/Stress/Eating Behaviour/Aggression/Forensic Psychology/Addiction

### What Teaching and Learning Methods Will Be Used?

You will learn about relevant theories from a number of different psychological approaches including the biological, behavioural, psychodynamic and cognitive approaches.

This is done by looking at and carrying out research studies, through individual research as well as small group activities and presentations.

There is **NO** coursework at either AS or A2 level psychology, but homework will be set regularly and may include practice exam questions, research projects and background reading amongst other things.

### Where Will This Qualification Take Me?

With psychology looking at human behaviour it can be helpful/relevant for ANY chosen career, but some that you might think about include:

- Psychology teacher
- Research psychologist
- Occupational psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Health psychologist