



## A Level Psychology

### What is A Level Psychology?

A Level Psychology is the study of mind and behaviour.

### What does the course involve?

The course is designed to provide an introduction to the nature of Psychology as a science. The emphasis is on applying knowledge and understanding rather than just acquiring knowledge. This develops students' skills of analysis, evaluation and critical thinking.

***In order to take A Level Psychology, students will have gained a 5 in Science (Or Biology if triple science) & Maths GCSE.***

### What themes are studied?

**Unit 1**—Social Influence, Memory and Attachment, Psychopathology

**Unit 2**—Approaches in Psychology, Psychopathology, Biopsychology and Research Methods

**Unit 3**—Issues and debates in Psychology, Relationships, Schizophrenia and Addiction

### How is it assessed?

Examination Board: AQA

**Paper 1**—2 hour written exam. 33.3% of total A Level mark.

**Paper 2**—2 hour written exam. 33.3% of total A Level mark.

**Paper 3**—2 hour written exam. 33.3% of total A Level mark.

No coursework.

### What next?

There are specific careers for Psychologists such as clinical (Mental health), forensic, education, sport and more. However Psychology is also relevant to most career choices, especially Human resources, teaching, nursing, accountancy, law, medicine, social work and sales/marketing.

For more information about the course, your suitability for it, and possible career paths for students of Psychology, contact Miss Pickwick, Head of Social Sciences on [pickwickl@wollaston-school.net](mailto:pickwickl@wollaston-school.net)