



*"The purpose of psychology is to give us a completely different idea of the things we know best."*

*Paul Valery*

**Entry Requirements**

A minimum of grade 4 in Maths and an English plus at least 3 other GCSEs at grade 5

**Subject Specific Requirements**

Grade 6 in Biology or Combined Science. Grade 5 in English Language and Mathematics.

**About the Course**

Like Biology, Chemistry, and Physics, Psychology is a scientific discipline but unlike the natural Sciences, Psychologists are interested in understanding why people behave the way they do.

The A level course will enable you to develop a broad knowledge and understanding of some of the core issues and debates of psychology, through a range of interesting topics., including Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Biopsychology, Psychopathology , Explanations of Gender and Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology.

Although there is no coursework in A Level psychology, students will be given the opportunity to utilise the Research methods they have learnt in the form of a number of practical investigations in the summer Term of Year 12

**Assessment**

Three, two hour papers in the June of the second year of study.

Paper One: Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology

Multiple Choice Questions, short answer questions and extended writing totaling 24 marks for each section Total = 96 marks (33% of A Level)

Paper Two: Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods

Multiple Choice Questions, short answer questions and extended writing totaling 24 marks in Sections A and B and 48 in Section C Total = 96 marks (33% of A Level)

Paper Three: Issues and Debates in Psychology, Gender, Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology

Multiple Choice Questions, short answer questions and extended writing totaling 24 marks for each section Total = 96 marks (33% of A Level)

**Future Applications**

**FUTURE CAREERS**

*Teaching, Social work, Probation, Clinical Psychologist, Criminal Psychologist, Police Force, Psychological Research, Forensic Psychology and the NHS. Psychology provides students with transferrable skills that universities and employers favour such as critical awareness and understanding, evaluation, communication skills and advanced writing skills.*

**Alumni**

Abbi – Psychology at the University of Lincoln  
Amber —Clinical Psychology at University of Worcester  
Jade —Social Work at the University of Lincoln