

# Psychology

**Course Length:** Studied over two years  
**Examinat on Board:** AQA  
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## Course Content

The Psychology A-level science course ensures that all students are given the opportunity to acquire the experimental and practical skills essential for further study and successful scientific research.

The mathematical skill in Psychology is taught and understood at and beyond the level of Mathematics required for a GCSE grade 4. Students taking A-level Psychology are required to have a grade 5 in GCSE Mathematics (over 10% of the assessment tests mathematical ability).

### Paper 1 - Introductory topics in Psychology

1 - Social Influence: What makes people follow the crowd and what gives some of us the power to resist? Why do you follow an authority figure?

2 - Memory: Can you remember everything you have done in the last 24 hours and what happens when you invent events to fill the gaps?

3 - Attachments: How are emotional bonds with our caregivers built and how do earliest attachments leave a lasting mark on our lives?

4 - Psychopathology: What does it mean to be abnormal? An exploration of the definitions,

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## Assessment

Paper	Title	Assessment	A Level
1	<b>Introductory Topics in Psychology</b>	Written Exam: 2hr	33.3%
2	<b>Psychology in Context</b>	Written Exam: 2hr	33.3%
3	<b>Issues and Options in Psychology</b>	Written Exam: 2hr	33.3%