

GCSE Psychology

**Exam Board:**

AQA

Course Outline:

This course introduces students to the scientific study of mind and behaviour. Psychology GCSE provides an engaging and accessible foundation in psychological theories, research methods, and real-world applications. Students will explore how psychologists investigate human cognition, social interactions, development, and mental health, while developing critical thinking and scientific enquiry skills.

Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour (50%) of GCSE 100 Marks 1 hour 45 minutes (Mainly yr10)

- Memory
- Perception
- Development
- Research methods

Paper 2: Social context and behaviour (50%) of GCSE) 100 Marks 1 hour 45 minutes(yr11)

- Social influence
- Language, thought and communication
- Brain and neuropsychology
- Psychological problems

Method of assessment:

2 x 1 hour 45 minutes exam papers. Both exams take place at the end of year 11.

Exam: 100%**Controlled Assessment: None****Post 16 Progression:**

The study of Psychology at GCSE provides an excellent basis for going on to study the subject at AS and A level in the Sixth Form. It will be useful for any career where you are dealing with people and need to understand their behaviour - for example; mental health, Therapy, management, law, criminal justice system, social policies, politics, social work, police, local and central government.

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