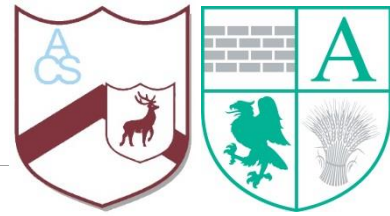


# A Level Psychology

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**Type of Qualification:** A Level

**Level of Course:** 3

## Description:

Psychology is the study of mind and behaviour, and bridges the gap between the academic study of the social sciences and the natural sciences.

Students are encouraged to develop an understanding of psychological research; the ability to apply this knowledge to real life situations; critically analyse and evaluate the value of psychological research and its credibility as an explanation of human behaviour.

The study of Psychology will appeal to students who are curious about people and are interested in exploring the reasons for their behaviour. Psychology students need to be sensitive, open minded and willing to accept that there are no 'right or wrong' answers. Psychology is a science with cutting edge research that can be applied to issues we see in everyday life, such as psychological disorders, stress and aggression.

## Topics for A Level Psychology

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Approaches in psychology
- Psychopathology
- Research Methods
- Relationships
- Stress
- Forensic Psychology

## How is the course assessed?

The four units are assessed by external examination consisting of a mixture of short and long answer questions at the end of the second year.