

### Additional Requirements

- Maths: Grade 4
- Science/Biology: Grade 5 or above
- English Language/ Literature: Grade 5 or above.

# Psychology

## Course Leader

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*“The mind is something intangible that exists within our brain; an unseen process of enzymes, chemicals and electric currents. But why is it that some people suffer from stress or mental illness? Or that others are considered abnormal for deviating from social norms? Psychology looks at questions like these and more. It’s a fascinating science with cutting edge research that has real world applications that you are bound to find interesting.”*

## Examination Board

AQA

## Assessment

Written examinations

## What you will study?

**Introductory topics in psychology:** learn about conformity, social norms, how the mind remembers and forgets and how children form attachments

**Psychology in context:** learn more about the different approaches in psychology and how to design and conduct your own research.

In the second year of the A-level you'll deepen your understanding of human behaviour. You'll study additional topics under approaches in

psychology, biopsychology, research methods and issues and debates in psychology. You then choose three further topics; one from each of three option groups.

### Option one:

- relationships
- gender
- cognition and development.

### Option two:

- schizophrenia
- eating behaviour
- stress.

### Option three:

- aggression
- forensic psychology
- addiction

## Future Pathways

Psychology is a great subject to study because it will not only give you a number of transferable skills, it will also teach you more about the way people think. An understanding of the human mind is useful in a number of careers.

Possible career options: • Marketing • Business development • Accountancy • Human resources • Forensic psychology • Occupational therapy • Clinical psychology • Nursing •