

Psychology

Exam board: AQA

Entry requirements: GCSE Grade 6 or above in Biology (or Biology equivalent) and Grade 6 or above in Maths.

Course content:

Paper 1: Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology.

Paper 2: Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods.

Paper 3: Issues and Debates in Psychology and then 1 option from Relationships, Gender or Cognition and Development, 1 option from Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour or Stress, and 1 option from Aggression, Forensic Psychology or Addiction.

Assessment:

Papers 1, 2 and 3: all assessed through individual written examination of 2 hours each

'Brain hats on!...'



Why choose Psychology:

Psychology has historically always been one of the most popular A level subjects that FSG offers. With a long history of outstanding results, we are extremely proud of how well our students have achieved in this subject.

Psychology looks at the fundamental aspects of human behaviour, with such a wide range of topics that there is always something to interest everyone. For example, key and influential studies into conformity and obedience, such as Milgram's work, Offender profiling in Forensic Psychology or explanations and treatments of phobias – there tends to be something for everyone. Students often comment that this is their favourite subject and their love, interest and enthusiasm for it is evident as it is also a popular subject for our students to choose to continue further at degree level.

Skills and progression:

Psychology covers fundamental skills useful for any employment or course and is well suited to 'all rounders' as English, Science and Maths skills are all encompassed within the course. There are a vast amount of opportunities to take Psychology further, many study Psychology or Criminology degrees but it also has close ties with fields of nursing, social work, law, forensics, teaching, physiotherapy, biology to name a few. Those who specialise in Psychology can also take their interest further and go into careers such as clinical psychology, educational psychology, counselling, occupational therapy, sport psychology and research.