**Psychology** 



Exam Board AQA

Syllabus number 7182



"The brain is wider than the sky."

**Emily Dickenson** 

# **Course entry requirements**

Grade 6 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics.

## Why should I study psychology?

Ever wondered if prison really does change criminal behaviour? Or why some people obey instructions and others do not? Or perhaps if the experiences you had as a child have shaped the person you are today? A Level psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why they behave in certain ways. You will learn a variety of skills including critical thinking, problem solving and improved communication. Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour and therefore it helps support your lead into a wide range of career paths.

### What does the course look like?

There are three exams, each accounting for one third of your A Level. The three exams last 2 hours each. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

Paper 1: Social influence, memory, attachment, psychopathology (33%)

Paper 2: Approaches in psychology, biopsychology, research methods (33%)

**Paper 3**: Issues and debates and 3 optional units: cognition and development, schizophrenia and forensic psychology (33%)

#### How will I learn?

The course features a wide range of teaching and learning approaches and methods; from interactive classroom study to conducting social experiments, group tasks to private study and research.

# What kind of things might the subject lead me to?

The top seven degree courses taken by students who have an A Level in psychology are:

- Psychology
- English studies
- Sociology
- Business studies
- Teaching
- Sport and exercise science
- Law

Studying psychology at university can give you whole host of exciting career options, including:

- marketing
- business development
- accountancy
- human resources
- forensic psychology
- occupational therapy
- clinical psychology
- nursing
- teaching