

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. Psychology is a very exciting subject because it brings you to the leading edge of modern research developments. It investigates many interesting questions: How did the Holocaust happen? What is the difference between ‘normal’ and ‘abnormal’ people? Why do some people develop depression?

What will students learn from studying

Psychology at Stanborough?

Acquire knowledge and understanding of Psychology, developing an understanding of self and others, and how psychological understanding can help to explain everyday social phenomena.

Understand how psychological research is conducted, including the role of scientific method and data analysis.

Present information, develop arguments and draw conclusions through a critical approach to psychological evidence, developing as reflective thinkers.

Develop an understanding of psychological issues, the contribution of psychology to individual, social and cultural diversity, and how psychology contributes to society.

The Course

Over the next three years, students will be studying the Oxford Cambridge and RSA (OCR) qualification. Students will sit two externally assessed exams worth 50% each of the total GCSE. Students will be graded 1-9 with 9 being the highest grade available.

Content Overview		Assessment Overview	
Paper 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Criminal Psychology - Development - Psychological problems - Research Methods 	Studies and applications in Psychology 1 90 marks Written paper 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of total GCSE
Paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social Influence - Memory - Sleep and Dreaming - Research Methods 	Studies and applications in Psychology 2 90 marks Written paper 1 hour 30 minutes	50% of total GCSE

The Course

Over the next two years, students will be studying the AQA qualification. Students will sit three externally assessed exams worth 33.3% each of the total A level. Students will be graded A*-U with A* being the highest grade available.

Assessments

Paper 1: Introductory topics in psychology	Paper 2: Psychology in context	Paper 3: Issues and options in psychology
What's assessed Compulsory content 1-4 above	What's assessed Compulsory content 5-7 above	What's assessed Compulsory content 8 above Optional content, one from option 1, 9-11, one from option 2, 12-14, one from option 3, 15-17 above
Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level 	Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level 	Assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level
Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section B: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section C: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section D: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks 	Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section B: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section C: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 48 marks 	Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section A: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section B: one topic from option 1, 9-11 above, multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section C: one topic from option 2, 12-14 above, multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks • Section D: one topic from option 3, 15-17 above, multiple choice, short answer and extended writing, 24 marks

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

PSYCHOLOGY WEBSITE

<https://stanborough.wixsite.com/psychology>

On the website, you will find:

Information about the final exams/specification

PowerPoints for each lesson and links to the online textbook

Revision and assessment material such as quizzes and past exam papers with mark schemes

Revision strategies and essay writing resources

YouTube revision videos to improve knowledge and skills

Documentaries related to the course and additional reading material

UCAS and Career information related to the course

RESOURCES

Available in F6:

Textbooks

Revision guides

Past exam papers

Psychology magazines

Displays

Original journal articles

Available online:

Psychology department website

Online digital textbook (A level only)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology revision club—Thursday 3pm—4pm

GCSE:

Psychological problems unit: External speaker from CAMHS to talk about mental health

Criminal Psychology unit: Magistrates visit—court case role play

A level:

Visit to Clink Prison Museum (London)

Visit to Auschwitz (Poland)

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