

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 two years, students will be studying the AQA GCSE Psychology 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.

	Paper 2	Paper 1	
			Content Overview
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Influence • Language, thought and communication • Brain and neuropsychology • Psychological problems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory • Perception • Development • Research Methods 	
			Assessment Overview
	<p>Social Context and Behaviour</p> <p>100 marks</p> <p>Written paper</p> <p>1 hour 45 minutes</p> <p>50% of total GCSE</p>	<p>Cognition and Behaviour</p> <p>100 marks</p> <p>Written paper</p> <p>1 hour 45 minutes</p> <p>50% of total GCSE</p>	

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	What's assessed	What's assessed
Compulsory content 1-4 above	Compulsory content 5-7 above	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	Assessed	Assessed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level
Questions	Questions	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 	<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 	<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 G13:

Textbooks

Revision guides

Past exam papers

Psychology magazines

Displays

Original journal articles

Available online:

Psychology department website

Online digital textbooks with resources (GCSE and A Level)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN PSYCHOLOGY

TBC.

Previous activities and trips have included:

GCSE:

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

Brain and neuropsychology- opportunity to dissect brains

A level:

Visit to Clink Prison Museum (London)

Guest speakers

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