

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.

	Content Overview	Assessment Overview
Paper 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory • Perception • Development • Research Methods 	<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>
Paper 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Influence • Language, thought and communication • Brain and neuropsychology • Psychological problems 	<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>

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
<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 1-4 above</p>	<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 5-7 above</p>	<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 8 above</p> <p>Optional content, one from option 1, 9-11, one from option 2, 12-14, one from option 3, 15-17 above</p>
<p>Assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level 	<p>Assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level 	<p>Assessed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written exam: 2 hours • 96 marks in total • 33.3% of A-level
<p>Questions</p> <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 	<p>Questions</p> <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 	<p>Questions</p> <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>

RESOURCES

Available in G13:

Textbooks
Revision guides
Past exam papers
Psychology magazines
Displays
Original journal articles

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Psychology department website
Online digital textbooks with resources (GCSE and A Level)

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