



Nether Stowe School

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A Level Psychology

Exam Board - AQA

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Course Summary

Psychology: the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. As part of the course we study several aspects of psychological theory and research alongside giving students the opportunity to explore how Psychology has contributed to our understanding of individual, social and cultural life. A large part of Psychology involves analysing research and assessing what strengths and weaknesses it has and how it supports and refutes various theories, alongside the opportunity to conduct and analyse your own research

Modules

Introductory topics in Psychology

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Psychology in context

- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods

Issues and options in Psychology

- Issues and debates
- Cognition and development
- Schizophrenia
- Aggression

Career opportunities

The study of Psychology provides a useful foundation for further study at degree level. It is highly regarded by universities and employers because it develops skills of critical analysis and gives an understanding of people. Psychology is particularly useful for careers such as Social work, Law, Teaching, Business, Marketing, Public services, Nursing and other health-related careers

Complimenting subjects:

Biology
Sociology
Criminology
Health and Social Care

Psychology is a very versatile subject giving excellent critical analysis and evaluative skills. This means it compliments most subjects well

Assessment

Paper 1: 2 hour written examination on Introductory topics in Psychology (33.3%)

Paper 2: 2 hour written examination on Psychology in context (33.3%)

Paper 3: 2 hour written examination on Issues and options in Psychology (33.3%)

