



What will Year 12 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

You will have 4 hours of teaching time per week and will learn how Psychology emerged as a discipline, and consider debates around explanations of behaviour e.g. nature vs nurture. Research methods, including statistical testing, will be referred to throughout the course. Students will study the nature and importance of attachment; social influence, obedience and conformity; psychopathology and disorders.

What will Year 12 students need to do to get the most out of their lessons?

Students will revise and revisit a substantial amount of work at home and will be required to complete long 16 mark answers to questions independently and in lesson.

How much homework will Year 12 students have in this subject?

Students will have 2 pieces of homework per week, each piece of homework should take an hour to complete. Aside from set homework, you will be expected to independently revise and revisit topics.

Which careers can this subject lead to?

A Level Psychology can lead to several varied career paths including Clinical and Educational Psychology, Counselling, Therapy and Teaching. The skills that students develop in Psychology enable them to think critically and present logical arguments which will benefit students as they progress to take up employment.

Which other subjects complement this subject?

Sociology, Biology, Mathematics and Health and Social Care are the most common subjects studied alongside Psychology. However, it is versatile enough to complement Science, Humanities and Social Science subjects.

What is the difference between Psychology and Sociology?

Psychology studies individual behaviour and all of the factors that affect it from the perspective of that individual, whereas Sociology studies group and individual behaviour within society as a whole. Psychologists look at the chemical and biological factors inside the individual that affect responses and stimulate behaviour, Sociologists will look at external factors that will cause group and individual behaviour.

Where can I get more information about the course and careers?

The exam board we use is AQA. More information can be found here

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

<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/psychology>

Does Psychology have coursework?

No, it is 100% exams.

Students will have 3 exams at the end of year 13.

How much Maths and Science will there be in Psychology?

Students are recommended to have at least a level 6 in Science and Maths GCSE to help them with modules with significant biological content and statistics, although this is not a requirement for the course.

If you do not have these grades then you will be expected to work harder in order to demonstrate mastery of the skills.