



Abbey Gate College  
Sixth Form



# Psychology

## Why study Psychology at A Level?

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*Studying Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways.*

Throughout this inspiring and stimulating course you will consider how psychologists seek to understand and modify behaviours using scientific methods. Studying Psychology will challenge the way you perceive the world and encourage you to think differently.



# Course Content



## Lower Sixth:

- **Social Influence** including conformity, explanations for obedience, minority influence and the social influence in the role of social change.
- **Memory** including the multi store model of memory and the working memory model.
- **Attachment** including caregiver/infant interactions, explanations for attachment and cultural variations in attachment.
- **Approaches in Psychology** including the learning, cognitive and biological approach and biopsychology.
- **Psychopathology** including the characteristics and treatments of OCD, phobias and depression
- **Research Methods** including scientific processes, data handling and analysis.

There are two exams at AS Level, each worth 50% of the qualification. Each exam is 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 72 marks. The exam consists of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

## Upper Sixth:

- **Issues and Debates in Psychology.**
- **One topic from Relationships, Gender, Cognition and Development.**
- **One topic from Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour and Stress.**
- **One topic from Agression, Forensic Psychology and Addiction**

There are three exams at A Level, each accounts for one third of the A Level. Each exam is 2 hours is worth 90 marks. The exam consists of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.



## SKILLS

obtained by  
studying

## Psychology:

- Analysing arguments and evidence
  - Testing hypothesis and making informed judgements
  - Knowledge and understanding of research methods
  - Understanding of ethics in Psychological research
- These skills are beneficial for careers in health, welfare medicine, nursing, law, teaching, marketing, human resources, the police, media and general management.