

Psychology A Level

What will happen in my first week?

You will have a better understanding of exactly what psychologists do in the real world such as types of psychologists, qualifications and training. You will also understand essential elements of psychological research and experience thinking like a psychologist.



What can I look forward to in my first year?

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour, so you will have first-hand experience of conducting research investigating various aspects of why people behave the way they do and using statistics to analyse your data. You will also become familiar with 10 pieces of research in psychology.

Do I need to buy any equipment or kit?

You should purchase files or folders to help you organise your notes, revision and homework. You will also need a calculator as there are calculation questions.

Who will teach me?

We have 3 highly experienced specialist Psychology teachers: Gemma, Barry and Joanie

Which modules will I study in my first term?

- Thinking like a psychologist!
- Looking at a variety of unusual and interesting behaviours!
- Debates in Psychology

Are there any books I need to buy or useful websites I should look at?

- If you wish to purchase your own text book, our examining board have recommended the following textbook which meets the new specification as a result of the A-Level reform: Ellerby-Jones, L. Latham, S. Wooldridge, N. (2015), **OCR Psychology for A Level Year 1** (Hodder Education) ISBN: 9781471835902
- You may also wish to look at and register with the British Psychological Society website to get a better understanding of ethical issues in psychological research <http://www.bps.org.uk/>

