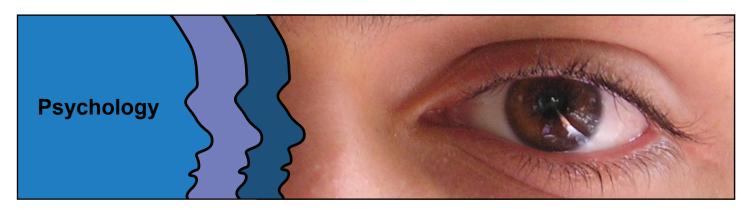
# **SOCIAL SCIENCE**

# Psychology

**Examination Board:** AQA

Subject Leader(s): Mrs B Morris-Brown





Course Structure				
Unit	Topics/Unit Title	Assessment		
A Level Content		Paper 1:	Paper 2:	Paper 3: Issues and Options
1	Social influence	Introductory Topics in Psychology	Psychology in Content	in Psychology
2	Memory	Compulsory content 1-4	Compulsory content 5-7	Compulsory content 8
3	Attachment	Assessed:	Asssesed:	Optional content,
4	Psychopathology	written exam: 2 hours	written exam: 2 hours	one from option 1, 9-11
5	Approaches in Psychology	96 marks in total 33.3% of A-Level	96 marks in total 33.3% of A-Level	one from option 2, 12-14 one from option 3, 15-17
6	Biopsychology			
7	Research methods			Assessed:
8	Issues and debates in Psychology			written exam: 2 hours 96 marks in total
Option 1				33.3% of A-Level
9	Relationships			
10	Gender			
11	Cognition and development			
Option	2			
12	Schizophrenia			
13	Eating behaviour			
14	Stress			
Option 3				
15	Aggression			
16	Forensic Psychology			
17	Addiction			

#### What does the course involve?

Enables candidates to explore and understand the relationship between psychological knowledge, theories and methodology and their relationship to social, cultural, scientific and contemporary issues. The A Level course covers issues and debates, plus 3 further options to be decided. This eclectic mix of topics allows students to have a good all round knowledge of psychology that is fundamental to understanding human behaviour. It will also equip students with other necessary skills such as analysis and evaluation and also allow them to carry out their own piece of research.

### **Further Study/Employment Prospects**

- Psychiatrist/Psychotherapy
- Social researcher
- Environmental, occupational, forensic psychology
- Police
- Social Services

## **Entry Requirements**

It is not necessary for candidates to have studied GCSE Psychology before commencing work on this specification and no prior knowledge of psychology is necessary. It is desirable for candidates to have achieved grade 5 or equivalent in science, English and mathematics before commencing this specification.