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A PRIORY ACADEMY

AQA GCSE Psychology



Why should I study GCSE Psychology?



Psychology will help you to understand why people think, act, and feel the way they do. You will build critical skills that are valued by employers and develop a new way of thinking which will help you in your daily life.

What will I study?



GCSE Psychology is studied in two units:

A. Cognition and Behaviour

- Memory
- Perception
- Development
- Research Methods

B. Social Context and Behaviour

- Social Influence
- Language, Thought, and Communication
- Brain and Neuropsychology
- Psychological Problems

How will I be assessed?



GCSE Psychology is assessed in two exams at the end of the course.

Paper 1 – Cognition and Behaviour – 1 hr 45 minutes – 50% of GCSE

Paper 2 – Social Context and Behaviour – 1 hr 45 minutes – 50% of GCSE

Each paper is a mixture of multiple choice, short written answers, and long written answer questions

Which skills will I develop and use?



Psychology helps you build a wide range of transferable skills:

- Thinking critically and evaluating evidence
- Understanding research methods and scientific enquiry
- Applying theories to real-life situations
- Problem-solving and independent thinking
- Building communication and teamwork skills

These skills are highly valued in many academic and career pathways.

How will I be able to use this subject in my future career?



Psychology is an impressive and versatile subject to have on your CV. You can continue the subject at A level, and it works well alongside Biology, Sociology, Health & Social Care, PE, Criminology, and other social sciences. Studying psychology can lead to careers such as:

- Clinical psychologist
- Counsellor or therapist
- Mental health practitioner
- Teacher or educational psychologist
- Social worker
- Police officer or criminologist
- Nurse, midwife or other health professions
- Sports psychologist
- HR, marketing, advertising, customer behaviour analysis