## **WHGS Sixth Form**

# Psychology



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**Entry Requirements:** Grade 5 or higher in English and Science

Pass Rate: 100%

**Exam Board:** AQA

### **Trips & Events:**

- Annual A-Level Psychology Conference (London)
- Tutor2u A-Level Booster Workshops
- Psychology in Action:
  Manchester Social Experiment

**Student Voice:** "I find Psychology fascinating! I find the resources and support from teachers really helpful"

**Student Voice:** "I chose to study psychology a-level as I want to understand myself and use my knowledge from psychology to relate it to my personal experiences. Understanding who I am and being able to both comprehend and label my emotions I can understand the actions of others better. There is a certain depth to the subject that draws me in, and I feel studying it will give me the ability to understand the science behind behaviour. I think it helps you see life through from different perspectives."

**Student Voice:** "There are so many aspects of psychology I enjoy. Everywhere we go, every person we meet, psychology allows you to relate using theories to explain behaviour. Psychology has allowed me to know more about myself and has also taught me to view the world from the perspective of others."





## A Level Psychology AQA Specification

#### Year 12

Psychology year 1 provides students with a foundation of knowledge of the key theories that help to explain human mind and behaviour. Here students will also develop skills and an understanding of the methods used to investigate conformity and obedience, cognitive processing and memory, early childhood and relationships and mental illness.



#### **Content:**

- **Topic 1:** Approaches in Psychology
- **Topic 2:** Social influence
- **Topic 3:** Memory
- **Topic 4:** Attachment
- **Topic 5:** Psychopathology

With research methods embedded throughout



#### Year 13

Psychology year 2 allows for a deeper insight into human behaviour through the application of key concepts to topic areas which pose big questions such as; how does biology influence behaviour? Is gender a product of nature or nurture? How is schizophrenia diagnosed and treated? What causes aggressive and violent behaviour?



- **Topic 6:** Biopsychology
- **Topic 7:** Gender
- **Topic 8:** Schizophrenia
- **Topic 9:** Aggression
- **Topic 10:** Issues and Debates

With research methods embedded throughout



#### **A-Level Assessment**

There will be three exams at the end of year 13. Each exam will last two hours and will consist of a range of question types to assess breadth and depth of knowledge including; multiple choice, short answer and essay style questions, data analysis and mathematical calculations.



Psychology is a discipline that is applicable many career avenues beyond that of chartered psychologist such as, education, medical professions, business, education, law and politics to name a few. A level Psychology will also provide a great foundation for those wishing to go on to study a BSc in Psychology at University.



