

A LEVEL: PSYCHOLOGY

(AWARDING BODY AQA)



CONTENT

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. The A level programme is assessed by three exam papers at the end of Year 13:

Paper 1: two hours (33.3% of A level). Introductory Topics in Psychology: social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology

Paper 2: two hours (33.3% of A level). Psychology in Context: approaches in psychology, biopsychology and research methods

Paper 3: two hours (33.3% of A level)

The Psychology Department is a member of the British Psychological Society and students benefit from listening to guest speakers such as forensic and addiction psychologists. For **work experience** our psychology students gain placements at Somewhere House Rehabilitation Centre or with the NHS.

PROGRESSION

Many of our students go up to university to study psychology before specialising in the following career areas:

- **Clinical psychologists** deal with a wide range of mental and physical health problems including addiction, anxiety, depression, learning difficulties and relationship issues
- **Educational psychologists** tackle challenges such as learning difficulties, social and emotional problems, issues around disability as well as more complex developmental disorders
- **Forensic psychologists** apply psychological theory to help understand and treat psychological problems associated with criminal behaviour

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Former students Ismail and Lucy met the famous social psychologist Philip Zimbardo of Stanford University, California (above left): find out more about Zimbardo's Stanford Prison Experiment www.prisonexp.org

Results in Psychology are consistently above UK national averages and our recent alumni include:

- Anya Butler A* 2020 University of Oxford
- Lilly Keeley Watts A* 2020: University of Exeter
- Charlie Valentine A* 2020: Gap Year
- Chloe Turner A 2020: University of Exeter
- Charlotte Barton A 2020: University of Bristol
- Hattie Burt A 2020: University of Exeter

For further careers information search here:

www.bps.org.uk/public/become-psychologist/career-options-psychology