



Welcome to the Nishkam Psychology department

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Head of Department welcome

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Photo tour of department



What you can expect in your Psychology lessons



Psychology plays a significant part in modern day life, from the school classroom to the courtroom, in medicine, technology, business organisations and in universities. Psychology student's should expect to develop:

- A deep knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other
- An appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods
- Confidence in a variety of mathematical and problem-solving skills,
- An understanding how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.
- explore real socio-psychology issues
- understand the role that psychological research plays in shaping government agendas and social attitudes

What you will study in Psychology



- **Exam Board:** AQA
- **Course Codes:** AS (7181) A2 (7182)

AS		A Level		
Paper 1: Introductory topics in psychology	Paper 2: Psychology in context	Paper 1: Introductory topics in psychology	Paper 2: Psychology in context	Paper 3: Issues and options in psychology
Content Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social influence • Memory • Attachment 	Content Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approaches in psychology • Psychopathology • Research methods 	Content Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social influence • Memory • Attachment • psychopathology 	Content Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Approaches in psychology</i> • <i>Biopsychology</i> • <i>Research methods</i> 	Content Compulsory units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues and debates in psychology <p>Option one: Relationships Option two: Schizophrenia Option three: Aggression</p>
Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 minutes written exam • 72 marks • 50% of AS 	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 minutes written exam • 72 marks • 50% of AS 	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 minutes written exam • 96 marks • 33.3% of A Level 	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 minutes written exam • 96 marks • 33.3% of A Level 	Assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 120 minutes written exam • 96 marks • 33.3% of A Level
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Examples of topic from Psychology

Approaches in psychology – Are we products of our biology or our environment, is the mind separate from the brain, how much of our behaviour is governed by the unconscious mind?

Biopsychology – The role of biological process and structures in recovery after Trauma and the development/treatment of psychological illnesses

Relationships – Why we are attracted to certain individuals and the extent to which the formation of relationships is based on our own choice

Where can Psychology take you?



Students who take Psychology often also study, Sociology, Biology, Chemistry Business Studies, Geography and English

Career Options

- Clinical psychologist
- Marketing
- Educational psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Teacher/lecturer
- Health psychologist
- Therapist
- Occupational health
- Psychological wellbeing practitioner
- Sport and exercise psychologist



What we expect from you

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified content
- Apply psychological knowledge and understanding of the specified content in a range of contexts
- Analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods in relation to the specified content
- Evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness.
- Develop knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills
- Develop an understanding for ethical practical research activities involving designing research, conducting research, analysing and interpreting data.

Student perceptions



Psychology is a subject with a depth of detail that never gets boring. It is a subject that relates to almost every aspect of your everyday life. Exceptional teaching which means that you always have direction to make progress.” - Saffron

“I take both sociology and psychology. The positive in doing both is they interrelate in many ways so me I feel this gives me a head start in comparison to my peers. Sociology and psychology have taught me to have an open mind when studying a subject as there is more than one answer or approach to a question. Both subjects have taught me a vast amount of knowledge to do with society and the reason why a person acts in a certain way.” - Musiab

“Psychology is a really interesting subject which has shown me how complex the human experience actually is”. - Thea

I have studied Psychology for 2 years, and I have found the study of the brain is my favourite topic. Learning how different parts of the brain are responsible for various functions has allowed me to understand why people behave in a particular way - Dillon

“ I enjoy Psychology because it is interesting to study human behaviour from conflicting viewpoints “ – Kirpa-Joyt

“ Psychology has allowed me to gain a deeper understanding into human behaviour as well as the ability to critically discover why humans behave the way they do. This has further led to an improvement in my problem solving and analytical skills; capabilities, I see as being transferable from the classroom to the workplace in the future”. - Manisha



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**We look forward to welcoming
many of you to our classrooms in
September 2021**