

## WJEC AS Level Psychology Level 3



### In a nutshell

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and is concerned with helping us understand the thoughts and behaviours of individuals. The course is diverse, interesting and challenging, covering many areas within psychology. The course is divided into four units, two at AS and two at A2.

### This course is for you if...

- ... You have a keen interest in psychology
- ... You want to further your study at university study
- ... You are interested in following the Social Sciences Pathway, Medical Pathway, Humanities Pathway, Business Pathway.

### What will I be doing?

## COURSE INFORMATION LEAFLET

The first year of study (AS Level) covers the following areas:

AS content (40% of A level): In the first year of study, students will cover the main approaches in Psychology (psychodynamic, behaviourist, cognitive, biological and positive), along with theories such as the social learning theory of aggression and Freud's theory of personality. Students will study a variety of therapies such as psychosurgery and dream analysis, as well as looking at contemporary debates and research methods. Assessment: Two written exams sat in May/June.

The second year of study - A2 content (60% of A level):

During the second year, students will consider the implications of psychology in the real world, specifically how psychology has helped us understand different types of behaviours, such as; criminal behaviour, schizophrenia, addictive behaviour, bullying behaviours and stress. You will also study the different controversies within psychology as well as applied research methods. Assessment: Two written exams sat in May/June.

Upon completion of this course, you'll gain:

AS Level Psychology  
A Level Psychology

### What is expected of me?

To enter the course, you'll need a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade C or above, including a minimum of C grades in English/Welsh First Language and Maths/Maths Numeracy.

### What comes next?

Psychology is useful for a range of university courses and careers which involve working with people, for example; teaching, nursing, social work and the police force. Many of our students go on to study psychology at degree level, leading to careers in areas such as forensic psychology, sports psychology, clinical psychology and educational psychology.

### Additional information

You'll need to make financial contributions to the travel costs of educational visits.