

**Course title:** Psychology A-Level AQA (Block C)

<b>Academic year:</b>	2024
<b>Course Venues:</b>	The Weston Road Academy
<b>Course Type:</b>	A-level
<b>Course Code:</b>	12CW rPY1
<b>Duration:</b>	2 years

**Course Description:**

Completing A-Level Psychology will provide students with a depth of knowledge on some exciting areas with this field. Throughout the two years, students will develop a wealth of understanding of human behaviour, covering topics including forensic psychology, Memory and Psychopathology. Students will base their knowledge around the 6 main schools in Psychology, drawing conclusions to research and experiments carried out. Core units include Research Methods and Biopsychology, supporting the key aspect of ‘Psychology as a Science’.

**Course Content:**

Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology - Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology.

Paper 2: Psychology in context - Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods.

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology - Issues and Debates, Forensic Psychology, Relationships and Schizophrenia.

**Entry requirements:** The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form are a 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

For some A-levels with a high mathematical content (particularly computing, chemistry and physics) GCSE at grade 6 in mathematics is also required.

You are also required to achieve a Grade 6 or above in GCSE biology.

**Assessment:**

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology. Written exam: 2 hours (33.3% of A-level)

Paper 2: Psychology in Context. Written exam: 2 hours (33.3% of A-Level)

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology. Written exam: 2 hours (33.3% of A-Level)

**Financial Information:** Students need to supply their own folders to store their work in. It is also highly recommended to purchase the course text book.

**Future opportunities:**

Psychology is a science and can be combined with most other subjects, including arts and science subjects. Psychology can lead to specific careers in Industrial, Clinical, Educational or Forensic Psychology, counselling and therapy, but it is also a useful qualification to have if you are thinking of any career that involves dealing with people. An understanding of psychological procedures and principles would also be useful in careers such as teaching, health service related occupations, law (including police) and social work. The subject of Psychology is highly recognised by H.E. Institutions and offers the opportunity to study at degree level.

**Further information:**

A keen interest in human behaviour is desirable when considering the uptake of this subject. Students should also have excellent communication skills and achieve at least a 6 in Additional Science or Biology. Psychology A-Level requires a lot of independent reading and research so students will need to be focused and well organised in managing their time.

