



# GCSE Psychology

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Exam Board:

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## Overview of the course:

GCSE Psychology is designed to inspire and engage learners by providing a broad and worthwhile course of study which develops an understanding of the ideas and values that characterise 'self' and others.

During the GCSE you will:

- use specialist vocabulary, psychological concepts, terminology and conventions to engage in the process of psychological enquiry
- understand how psychological research is conducted, including the role of scientific method and data analysis
- present information, develop arguments and draw conclusions through a critical approach to psychological evidence, developing as reflective thinkers
- develop an understanding of the relationship between psychology and personal, moral, social and cultural issues, and develop an understanding of ethical issues in psychology
- develop an understanding of psychological issues, the contribution of psychology to individual, social and cultural diversity, and how psychology contributes to society

## What will you study?

Key topics include:

- Criminal Psychology
- Development Psychology
- Psychological Problems
- Social Influence
- Memory
- Sleep and Dreaming
- Research Methods

## Assessment

There is no coursework in GCSE Psychology. You will be examined by completing **two examinations** at the end of Year 11.

These examinations are both worth 50% of your overall GCSE grade and are 1 hour 30 minutes each in length.

The examination has a mixture of questions for you to answer:

- Short answer questions
- Extended answers

## Possible career path:

What can you do with Psychology? The short answer is... lots!!

Possible career paths could include:

- Criminology
- Teaching
- Medicine – e.g. counselling
- Police Officer
- Criminal Justice System
- Social Work
- Journalist
- Advertising
- Business
- Educational Research
- Educational Psychologist
- Politics
- Sports Therapist
- Occupational Health