

# Psychology A-Level at Barr's Hill School

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## Course description

AS and A-level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways. You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more that will prepare you for an exciting future with the possibility of a range of fantastic careers.

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## Course content

Whether you're studying for the AS or the A-level, your first year will cover the same topic areas. In year 1, you will learn about topics such as conformity, social norms, how the mind remembers and how it forgets and how children form attachments. You will also learn about the different approaches in psychology and how to design and conduct your own research.

In the second year of the A-level you'll deepen your understanding of human behaviour. You'll study additional topics under Approaches in psychology, Biopsychology, Research methods and Issues and debates in psychology. You then choose three further topics; one from each of three option groups that include topics such as gender, schizophrenia, aggression, addiction and forensic psychology.

## Entry requirements

Standard Academic Advanced entry requirements of 5x Grade 5+ including English and Maths. Minimum of Grade 5 in Science and Maths at GCSE.

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## Assessment

There are two exams at AS each worth 50% of your AS qualification. Each exam lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 72 marks. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 96 marks each. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

## Future opportunities

A-level Psychology leads to many future career options, especially if you continue to study the subject at university. These include clinical psychology, educational psychology, forensic psychology, marketing, business development, nursing, teaching, human resources, accountancy, youth work and social care.