

PSYCHOLOGY – Key Information

Course Type	GCE A-Level	Full/Part Time		Full	
Subject	Psychology	Award	AQA	Level	3

Course Introduction:

2 Year A-Level Course

Develop and build on new skills that have not been taught at GCSE.

Improve your knowledge of why people behave as they do.

Achieve a sound basis for further study at University.

Gain an insight into how different Psychologists explain human behaviour.

Widening your employment prospects.

Description:

Psychology is the study of human behaviour and is one of the most interesting subjects to study at A-level. Psychology tries to explain why individuals behave as they do and takes a number of different approaches. Students will learn the basic assumptions of psychology such as behaviourism, cognitive and psychodynamic; applying these to explain human behaviour. For example is gender a result of chromosomes or due to the environment that we are raised in?

Course Suitable For

Students who want to study a new subject that tries to explain human behaviour. This subject includes writing essays, scientific explanations and mathematics, so students who enjoy these activities will enjoy psychology.

Minimum Entry Requirements – GCSE	Subject Entry Requirements – GCSE
Grade 5 English Language & Maths plus a further 3 Grade 4's or above.	Grade 5 Science

Why Study?

Psychology is a combination of theory, science and maths that tries to explain human behaviour. This subject helps to understand humans and why we behave as we do, which acts as a basis for many different career paths. Psychology also develops a range of essential skills that are transferable to many different subjects and will help students to express themselves and key arguments concisely and with clarity.

Progression Opportunities:

Psychology is applicable in every aspect of life. It helps to understand why people behave as they do and why each person is different. Studying Psychology can lead to working with children, social worker, criminologist, human resources and is also useful for those studying law or working in the justice system. Any job that involves people will acknowledge that understanding psychology can help with that position.

Why Grace Academy?

Grace Academy has a strong psychology department which has very successful results, with the results for A-C being above national average consistently. We had 50% of students going on to study this subject at University; proving how much students enjoy studying Psychology at Grace Academy.

Modules:

The main approaches – looking at how Biological, Cognitive, Psychodynamic, Humanistic, Behaviourist and Social Learning Theory explain behaviours.

Remembering and Forgetting

Social psychology – why do we conform, how obedient are we to authority.

Schizophrenia and Mood Disorders

Early social relationships and how attachment affects later life.

Forensic Psychology

Debates and research methods

Assessment Methods:

Exam	100%	Coursework	N/A
3 Written Papers			

Support Provided:

Our Teaching and Learning Strategy is at the core of our approach to students and their learning. We aim to provide a learning community where students achieve excellence and achievement is celebrated. We want you to enjoy your time at the academy and to be successful.

You will need to monitor your own progress. We want you to become self-critical and to think about how you can improve. We will expect you to work hard and productively. Being in the academy for as long as it is necessary for you to meet your targets and succeed in your learning.

Course Application:

For specific course details please contact Mr Sudbury on 0121 329 4600 or email on joshuasudbury@graceacademy.org.uk Register your interest in your chosen courses and an application form will be sent out to you. All applicants are interviewed and conditional offers are made subject to suitability of course.

Please note all courses on offer are subject to the minimum uptake for viability. Courses and contents will be taken on an individual basis.