

A LEVEL

# PSYCHOLOGY



Bishop Challoner  
Catholic School

## Course Summary

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Grade 6 in GCSE English and Maths

### COURSE OVERVIEW

AQA A-level Psychology explores the scientific study of human behaviour, focusing on areas such as memory, social influence, attachment, and mental health. It encourages critical thinking and research skills, preparing students for careers in psychology, counselling, education, and mental health services.

### WHY SHOULD I STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Studying Psychology allows you to explore how the human mind works and understand individual and group behaviours. It offers insights into topics like sleep, relationships, and mental health, making it relevant to everyday life. It's ideal for those interested in helping others and pursuing careers in counselling or mental health.

### WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

An A-Level in Psychology prepares you for university courses such as Psychology, Neuroscience, Criminology, Sociology, and Counselling, providing a basis for degrees in behavioural and social sciences.

### WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

An A-Level in Psychology can lead to careers in mental health, education, social work, and research. Roles include clinical psychologist, counsellor, social worker, HR specialist, and forensic psychologist.

### COURSE SPECIFICATION

**EXAM BOARD:** AQA

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Introductory topics in Psychology - 96 marks	120 mins	33.3%
2	Psychology in Context - 96 marks	120 mins	33.3%
3	Issues and Options in Psychology	120 mins	33.3%