

# A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

## OVERVIEW

The study of Psychology is focused upon understanding the thoughts and behaviours of individuals. The subject covers a wide range of topics and there are areas of interest to suit everybody. It investigates why people behave in particular ways and provides opportunities for students to conduct their own investigation into human behaviour. Students learn how people's behaviour is affected by those around them, how the memory works, and how early childhood affects behaviour. There are also units focusing on the application of psychological theory to key areas such as criminal behaviour, mental disorders and gender development.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics and Grade 4 in GCSE Science

## ASSESSMENT

Three external examination papers which are equally weighted.

## COURSE UNITS

### UNIT 1 – INTRODUCTORY TOPICS IN PSYCHOLOGY

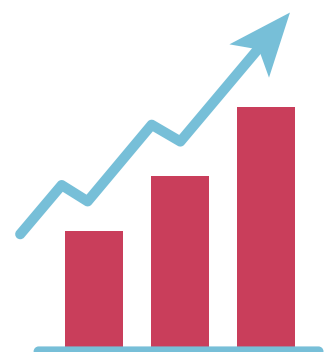
- Social influence
- Attachment
- Memory
- Psychopathology

### UNIT 2 – PSYCHOLOGY IN CONTEXT

- Approaches
- Bio Psychology
- Research Methods

### UNIT 3 – ISSUES AND OPTIONS IN PSYCHOLOGY

- Issues, Debates and Approaches
- Gender
- Schizophrenia
- Forensics



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