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Psychology FAQs

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and the interplay with the body and behaviour.

Which topics do you study in Psychology?

AQA Psychology A Level includes Social influence, attachment, memory, research methods, psychopathology, biopsychology issues and debates and approaches. At Richard Challoner we study forensic psychology, relationships and schizophrenia for the paper 3 options.

How many exams are there in Psychology?

In Psychology there are three papers. Paper one includes Social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology. Paper two includes approaches, research methods and biopsychology. Paper three includes issues and debates, forensic psychology, schizophrenia and relationships.

Will I be learning about therapy and psychological diagnoses?

The answer is yes! In psychopathology students learn about Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, treatments for phobias and psycho-pharmaceuticals such as antidepressants. We also study the Diagnostic Statistics Manual (DSM) as a diagnostic tool in psychology and psychiatry.

What grades do I need in my GCSEs to study Psychology?

You would need grade 5 in Maths, Science (if you complete triple science, a 5 in Biology is needed), and 5 in English Language.

Will studying Psychology allow me to read people's minds?

No is the short answer. You will not become psychic, or be able to read minds. You may notice yourself becoming more aware of body language and social cues.

What can an A level in Psychology offer me?

After A level psychology you could study at degree level. If you do not wish to

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study Psychology after A level, you would have required skills that could be useful in other subjects or professions, such as the police or social work.

What skills will I learn in Psychology?

In the Psychology A level, you will learn key terminology that you will apply and you will learn skills of analysis in reference to research studies and experiments. You will learn to evaluate and critique research and discuss its implications and how to conduct research studies ethically.