

# Psychology

Andrew Stidever



## Course Aims

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour and is therefore directly relevant to your life. It is an interesting subject as it focuses on why people behave as they do. The A-level course involves learning about psychological theories and studies across a range of topics such as Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology. Studying Psychology will help students learn transferable skills valued by Higher Education (HE) and employers including: the ability to work independently, critically analyse research, think logically and to communicate ideas effectively.

## Qualifications and Qualities Needed

Students should ideally have a grade 6 in GCSE English and a grade 6 in Maths or 6s in Science.

## Course Structure

AQA Advanced GCE in Psychology (7182)

Stimulus Questions and Essays:

3 written papers – total 6 hours

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Approaches to psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research methods
- Issues and debates in psychology

### Option 1

Relationships

Gender

Cognition and development

### Option 2

Schizophrenia

Eating behaviour

Stress

### Option 3

Aggression

Forensic psychology

Addiction

Underlined options are currently studied.

## Future Pathways

A-level Psychology provides a useful foundation for any job as students will always be dealing with people in whatever career they follow. However, aside from a career as a Psychologist (Clinical, Occupational, Educational, Forensic, Sport) or Psychiatrist, it is particularly valuable as a preparation for teaching, criminology, counselling and social work.