

Course Title	GCSE Psychology (9-1)
Exam Board	AQA
Exam Board Website	<a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk">www.aqa.org.uk</a>
Course Code	8182
Controlled Assessment/Exam Weighting	100% Examination

#### Course Description:

Have you ever wondered why humans behave the way they do? Why we obey some people more than others? How we remember information? Why some of us develop mental disorders? What our brains are actually like? Psychology attempts to answer all of those questions we have wondered about but never really asked. It is the science of the mind and behaviour, but we don't just look at humans, we look at animals too! The course involves studying a number of key topics including: Memory, Perception, Development, Social Influence, Language, The Brain and Psychological Problems. It also involves looking at the research methods used by psychologists to investigate and study behaviour.

#### Assessment:

Assessment for this qualification is 100% examination which consists of two exams at the end of Year 11. Both exams are worth 50% of the overall qualification. As a result, during the course of the two years we will regularly assess pupils with extended answer exam questions and mini end of topic assessments. There will also be opportunities for pupils to conduct their own psychological investigations and research projects, presentations and analysis of real life examples of behaviour. These will be teacher assessed but will not go towards pupils' final GCSE grades as the course is 100% exam.

Paper 1: Cognition & Behaviour, 1 hour 45 minutes long. Topics: Memory, Perception, Development, Research Methods.

Paper 2: Social Context & Behaviour, 1 hour 45 minutes long. Topics: Social Influence, Language, Thought & Communication, Brain & Neuropsychology, Psychological Problems.

This course is suitable for:

Anyone who is curious about the way humans and animals behave. It is the scientific study of human behaviour so does involve a basic understanding of the principles of science and different methods scientists use. It also requires pupils to have good literacy skills due to extended answer questions and mini essays assessed on the exam. A strong foundation in maths is also useful to have as pupils will need to analyse data through averages and interpreting graphs. Critical thinking is also a crucial skill for this course. It is good for those who are critically minded and like to make arguments for and against specific topics.

Pupils will need to be achieving a Level 5 in English in order to study GCSE Psychology

#### Careers/Jobs

Chartered Psychologist (Forensic, Educational, Clinical, Sports, Child), Teacher, Carer, Childcare, Social Work, Police Officer, Sports Coach, Doctor, Researcher, Lawyer, Counsellor, Mental Health Nurse, Offender Profiler, Rehabilitation, Play Therapist, Language Therapist, Management, Human Resources.

At Etone College Sixth Form, pupils can continue studying an A Level in Psychology provided they meet the entry requirements of a grade 5 or higher in English Language in addition to a grade 5 in Maths and Science, or a grade 5 in GCSE Psychology.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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