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## PSYCHOLOGY

Examination Board: OCR

Syllabus: H567

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### WHY STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is the scientific study of the ways (and the reasons why) people think, act, react and interact. Psychology is for thinkers. It is a modern science that draws on the thinking and principles of philosophy, mathematics, science, humanities, and the arts. Psychologists share common interests, questions and skills with sociologists, lawyers, mathematicians, scientists, geographers, artists and historians. Psychology not only helps you to gain an insight into yourself and others, it can provide you with many transferable skills such as problem solving, critical thinking, logical evaluation, literacy and numeracy, and statistical analysis.

### THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

Unit	Unit contents	Assessment and duration
<b>Paper 1</b> Research Methods	Planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non-experimental methodologies and techniques.	Externally assessed exam 2 hours
<b>Paper 2</b> Psychological themes through core studies	Introduces some of the central areas of investigation in psychology organised in key themes. Each key theme is represented by a classic and a contemporary core study.	Externally assessed exam 2 hours
<b>Paper 3</b> Applied psychology	Compulsory section on Issues in mental health.	Externally assessed exam 2 hours

### HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Psychology is one of the most popular degree subjects in this country; this is because it has a big impact on all areas of life, from education and health to the economy and crime. A thoroughly academic degree with aspects of meticulous scientific research, it is a psychology graduate's understanding of human thinking and behaviour that gives them that extra edge when applying for jobs. The mixture of human, theoretical and scientific understanding make psychology graduates some of the most versatile and attractive graduates in the market.

### SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students should achieve grade 5 or higher in GCSE English and 4 or higher in GCSE mathematics.

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