PSYCHOLOGY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

EXAMS X 3 PAPERS 100%

Why study Psychology?

Our teaching, distinguished for highlighting the scientific rigour and applications of Psychology, gives you the unique opportunity to experience the world of Psychology like no other place. You will participate in fascinating scientific experiments such as exploring how your memory works and be introduced to the high-tech apparatus used to measure brain activity.

At Stratford upon Avon School Psychology is not just a subject, it's an experience. We organise educational visits to enrich your learning; we visit a Zoo to gain practical experience of designing and conducting observational research. In addition, a variety of expert speakers are invited throughout the year to deliver inspirational talks on the applications of psychology in various settings ranging from hospitals to the armed forces.

Considerable attention is devoted to developing your skills in the use of research methods in psychological science, learning how to apply your knowledge in different contexts and getting to grips with the important mathematical requirements integral to psychology. You will get outstanding personalised support from dedicated staff through one-to-one mentoring and small group sessions to develop these important skills that are in high demand by universities and employers.

Our department is the best place to get a clear and accurate representation of how Psychology works as a science. We want you to achieve a psychology qualification that gives you more than just knowledge.

Subject Specification Outline:

This specification consists of three papers, broken down as follows:

Paper 1 - Introductory Topics to Psychology (33.3%):

- **Social influence:** How does the behaviour of others affect your behaviour?
- **Memory:** How do we remember things? Why do we forget?
- **Attachment:** Why is attachment to a caregiver so important?
- Psychopathology: How do we define, explain, and treat disorders of the mind, brain, and behaviour?



Paper 2 - Psychology in Context (33.3%):

- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology: How and why is biology important for the understanding of psychology?
- Research methods: How do scientists carry out research and analyse data in psychology?

Paper 3 - Issues and options in psychology (33.3%):
Options to be chosen from;

- issues/ debates in psychology
- relationships, gender
- cognition and development
- schizophrenia
- addiction
- eating behaviour
- stress
- aggression
- forensic psychology

Progress Assessment: Formal half term assessments, a variety of practice exam questions. Teacher-, self- and peer-assessment.

Self Study Requirements: For every hour spent in the classroom you will be expected to spend the equivalent amount of time outside the classroom.

Progression Pathways: Many of our students go on to study Psychology at university, either as a standalone subject or it can be combined with various other subjects such as Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Neuroscience and even Criminology or Marketing. Job opportunities include becoming a Chartered Psychologist after completing advanced university courses in a specialist areas.

Our students, beyond Stratford: our 2026 Psychology students have gone onto study Psychology, Midwifery, Chemistry, Biological & Medicinal Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Nutrition, Zoology, Criminology, Sports Management & Coaching, Business, Economics with Business, Architecture, Media, Communication & Cultural Studies at the universities of Reading, Newcastle, Leeds, Norwich, Nottingham Trent, York, Bath, Loughborough and Leeds Beckett, along with apprenticeships with NFU as a Business Analyst and Maltby Landsurveys in Hydrographic Surveying.