

# Shoeburyness High School

## Sixth Form Subject Information

# Psychology

## *A-Level*



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# Psychology A-Level

## Subject Information

Exam Board: OCR (<https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/psychology-h167-h567-from-2015/>)

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and the mind. Psychology is located in scientific method and studying it at A-Level allows for extensive evaluation from a range of perspectives. You will have the opportunity to develop a wide-ranging set of key skills, including being able to communicate effectively using appropriate language, to interpret and critically assess scientific data, and to research and critically evaluate a range of sources. The course allows you to understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society. The acquisition of such a diverse range of skills will be of great benefit to you in further education, the workplace and society in general.



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You are assessed by taking three exams at the end of the course.

The first exam is assessing your knowledge of research methods and is worth 30% of the final grade. It focuses on planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non-experimental methodologies and techniques.

The second exam is assessing your knowledge of psychological themes through core studies and is worth 35% of the final grade. It is based on 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.

The third exam is assessing your knowledge of applied psychology and is worth 35% of the final grade. There is a compulsory section on issues in mental health, and further questions on child psychology and criminal psychology.



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## Entry requirements

**Pathway 2 entry requirements:** 5 GCSEs at Grade 5 and above

**Subject entry requirements:** As above including Grade 5 or above in GCSE Science



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## Career Progression

Studying Psychology A-Level opens up career pathways in areas such as teaching, social work, the police force, nursing, sports/educational psychology, counselling, play therapist and human resources.



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## University Progression

**Professor Ann Colley, CPsychol Chief Executive, The British Psychological Society says:**

'A degree in psychology offers not only a pathway to becoming a psychologist, but also the knowledge and skills that you can apply in a wide range of careers.'

Psychology is often offered at university with a wide range of other subjects including criminology, forensic science, childhood studies, marketing, journalism, law and sports studies. Other suitable degrees include teaching, marketing, science and maths.



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