



A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

Why Psychology?

A-level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways. You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more that will prepare you for an exciting future with the possibility of a range of fantastic careers.

Course Outline:

Year 1	Year 2
Social influence	Issues and debates in psychology
Memory	Relationships
Attachment	Schizophrenia
Psychopathology	Forensic psychology
Biopsychology (1)	Biopsychology (2)
Approaches in psychology	Research Methods (2)
Research methods (1)	

Assessment:

There are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 96 marks each. The exams consist of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

Where to next?

Possible Degree Options	Possible Career Options
Medicine	Medicine
Psychology	Forensic psychology
Law	Marketing
Sport and exercise science	Clinical psychology
English	Teaching
Teaching	Law



Why Psychology at BRGS?

At BRGS you will be taught by a team of very experienced Psychology teachers all with experience of examining. Added to that our students not only significantly perform above the national average, but also score higher than other schools/colleges in the area.

Psychology Results at BRGS

Year after year our Psychology A-Level students produce some of the strongest results across the whole school. Our results from students in 2023 are detailed below:

A*	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
16.9	33.2	62.7	80.8

The growth of A-Level Psychology

It might surprise you to learning that Psychology is currently the second most popular A-Level choice for students nationally. A-level Psychology is a popular choice because it offers students a fascinating insight into human behaviour, mental processes, and the factors influencing them. It helps students understand themselves and others better, fostering critical thinking, analytical skills, and a deeper understanding of human interactions. Moreover, the subject's interdisciplinary nature allows students to apply psychological principles to various real-world scenarios, making it relevant and engaging for many.

Research conducted by students

A unique part of students' experience at BRGS with A-level Psychology is that at the end of Year 12 all students plan, carry out and write up their own piece of group research. This gives students an opportunity to utilise their knowledge of research in Psychology and apply it to the real world. During the project students recruit other students from the sixth form (and sometimes a few willing teachers) to take part in a variety of tasks – all with ethical approval from the Psychology department of course!