

## GCSE Psychology OCR 1-9

Welcome to GCSE Psychology,

At Woodbridge we are very happy to offer our students the chance to study GCSE Psychology; this is a dynamic and exciting course which encourages critical thinking and discussion.

### What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour.

### Course over view

The course structure follows a clear and straightforward structure. It contains exciting subject content helping students explain everyday social phenomena; for example, 'why we obey', 'why we conform to others'. Certain topics in the course structure also allow us to study real world historical events such as 'the holocaust' and how from psychological perspective such events can be explained. There is a balance of classic and modern psychological theory and research, emphasis on 'doing psychology' and a clear focus on mental health conditions.

### Structure

The course is a two year linear course which is 100% examination based. Students will learn a variety of content across both years 10 and 11 and will then be examined after the two years in the way of two written examination papers.

### Topic list

Year 10	Year 11
Research methods (across both years)	Research methods
Criminal Psychology	Social influence
Development	Memory
Psychological problems	Sleep and Dreaming

In each unit, students study two core studies; through with they develop knowledge and understanding of the five core areas of psychology:

- Biological
- Cognitive
- Social
- Developmental
- Individual differences.

Each component also includes a section on research methods.

### Assessment

Component	Marks	Duration	Weighting
Studies and Application in psychology Paper 1	90 marks	1h 30 mins	50%
Studies and applications in psychology Paper2	90 marks	1h 30mins	50%

Both components include synoptic assessment. Students must complete both components (01 and 02) to be awarded the OCR GCSE in Psychology.

### What skills are important for this course?

Students will need strong written skills as they will need to be able to structure 13mark essays and extended response answers; which include critical analysis and evaluation of research and/or theory. Students will also need to have a significant grasp of mathematical skill especially for the research methods unit.

Any questions please feel free to contact

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