



PSYCHOLOGY

Advanced General Certificate of Education (AS and A2)

WHY PSYCHOLOGY?

The opportunities for students of Psychology, when they have completed a degree programme are enormous and a wide range of career choices are available.

Clinical Psychology
Occupational Psychology
Sports Psychology
Health

Educational Psychology
Forensic (or Criminal & Legal)
Counselling Psychology

It is also useful in other areas not directly concerned with Psychology:
Management Personnel, Teaching and Public Service

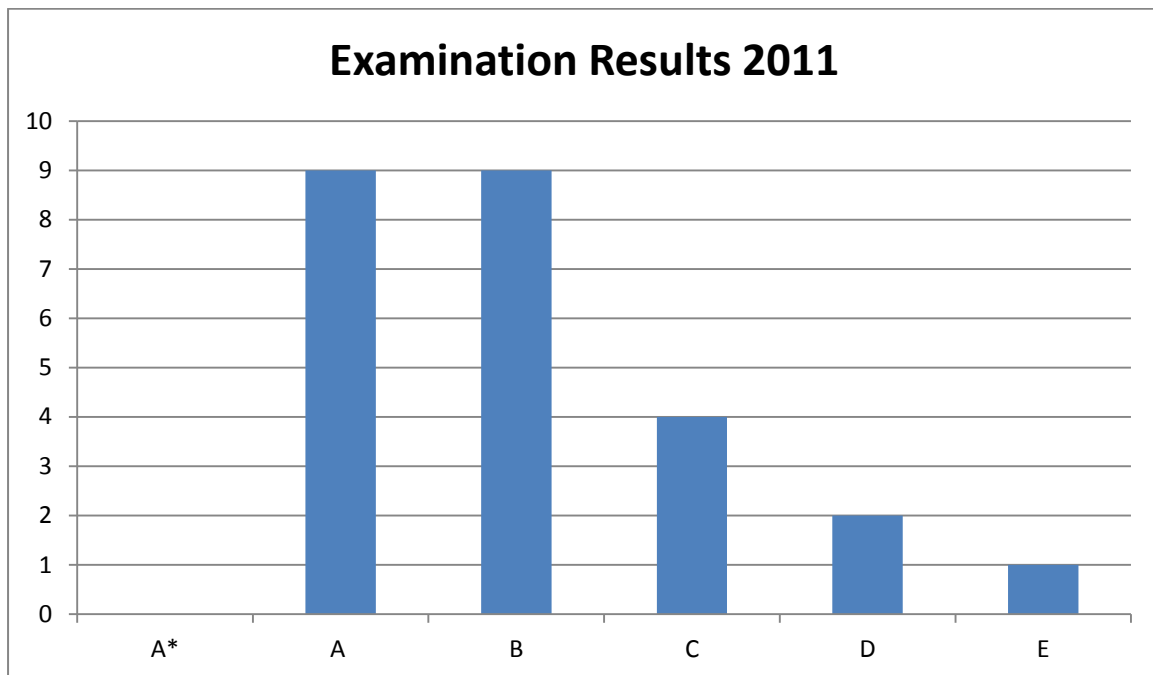
The Psychology AGCE course enables students to acquire a basis for further study and employment. It aims to encourage an experimental approach to Psychology linked to theoretical developments and to give an understanding of the methodologies of Science. Students are expected to develop the ability to collect, present and interpret experimental and empirical data. The course promotes an appreciation of the way in which Psychology may be applied to solve problems.

Progression

- Psychologists work in many different areas of society and are concerned with practical problems such as:
- Helping people to overcome depression, stress, trauma or phobias
- Ensuring that school pupils and students are being taught in the most effective way
- Making sure that people are happy at work and perform to the best of their abilities
- Helping the police, courts and prison service to perform more effectively
- Helping athletes and sports people to perform better

SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 6 GCSEs (Grades A* - C)
- Grade B in GCSE Mathematics
- Grade B in GCSE English
- Grade B in GCSE Science



COURSE DETAILS

AQA Specification B:

You will study four Modules as follows:

PSYB1 Introduction to Psychology (*Examination*)

In this module, you will be introduced to the scientific nature of Psychology and the key perspectives that run through the whole course. You will develop an understanding of the variety of methods used in Psychology research. Finally, you will apply the knowledge learnt in this module to the Psychology of gender.

PSYB2 Social Psychology, Cognitive Psychology and Individual Differences (*Examination*)

In this module you will see how social Psychology may be applied to social and cultural issues. For example, you will study conformity and obedience. You will be introduced to cognitive psychology and focus on how the memory works. You will also be introduced to research into individual differences such as phobias and OCD.

PSYB3 Child Development and Applied Options (*Examination*)

In this module you will be introduced to a range of issues in developmental psychology to include the ways in which children learn. You will also study a range of Applied Options such as Forensic psychology and Cognition and Law.

PSYB4 Approaches, Debates and Methods in Psychology (*Examination*)

This is a synoptic module which draws on your knowledge of the previous modules. You will learn to appreciate the breadth of theoretical approaches in psychology and engage in key debates. You will also develop your skills in carrying out research in psychology.

Further information can be found on the "Careers" section of the School website www.ttsonline.net