

Psychology A Level



Exam Board: AQA

Why A Level Psychology?

Psychology creates a sense of wonder in anyone who studies it. It is a personal science that explores our understanding of the world, ourselves and others. It is the opportunity to develop a deep insight into human nature and behaviour through knowledge of brain functions, interactions, relationships and the adaptability of people to context, experiences and situations.

Thinking and Life Skills you will develop:

- Interpret and evaluate theories, sources and evidence of human behaviour and relationships
- Think & reflect critically
- Infer conclusions from conflicting theories and evidence
- Communicate clearly, both in writing and orally
- Research skills
- Analysis, data collection and problem solving skills
- Time management and organisational skills
- Adaptability and open mindedness.

What will you study?

The A level course investigates a variety of approaches to Psychology such as Cognitive, Developmental, Biological and Social Psychology. Appropriate Research Methods will be applied in studies and their effectiveness evaluated. There will also be opportunities to research Biopsychology and Psychopathology.

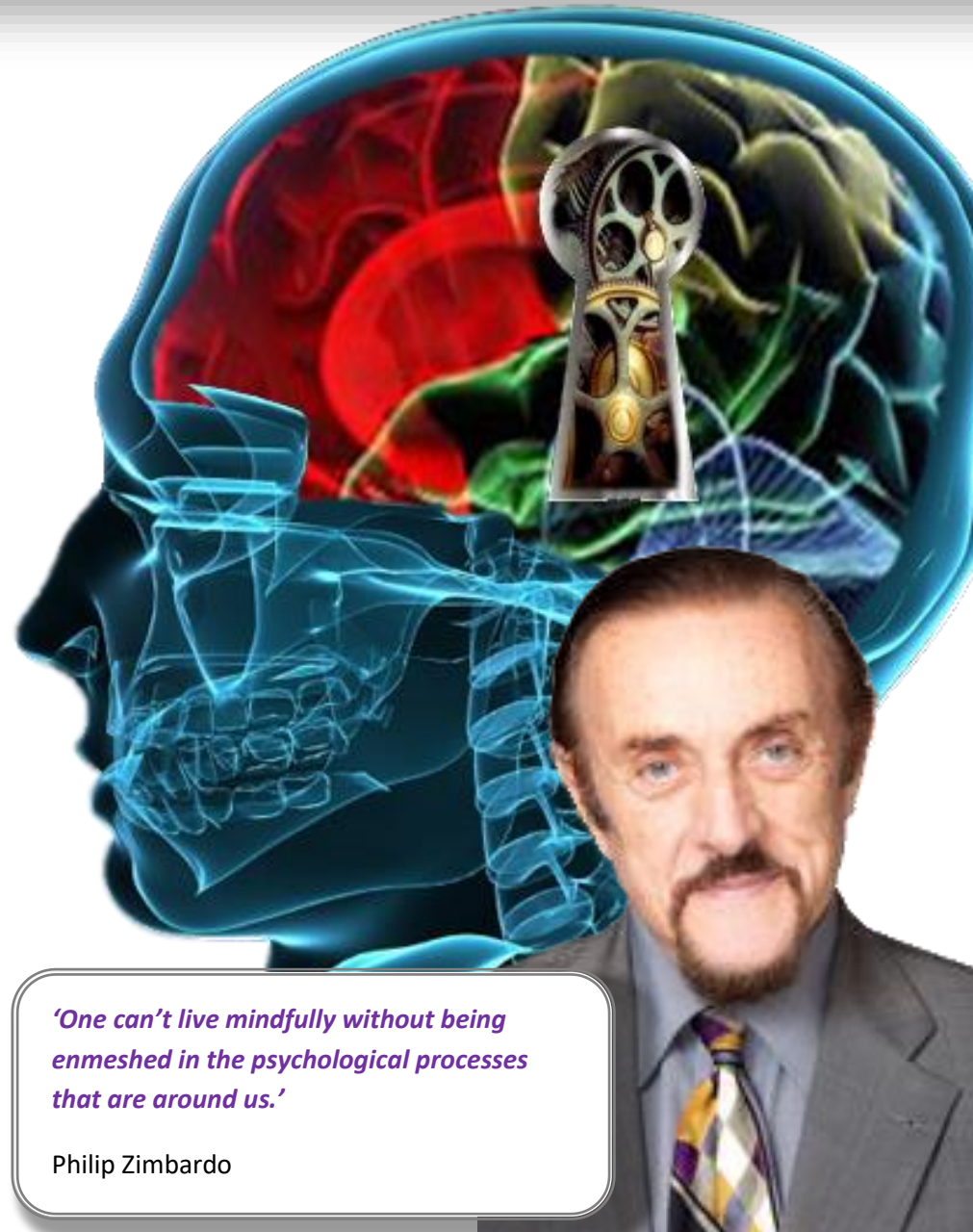
University degrees that require or often prefer Psychology include:

Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Occupational Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Sports Science, Education, Nursing and Midwifery, Occupational Therapy and Speech Therapy.

Possible careers: Psychology is an excellent passport to a number of different occupations including: clinical psychologist, educational psychologist, occupational psychologist, lecturer, forensic psychologist, criminal psychologist, teacher and neuroscientist. It could also lead to: counsellor, human resources manager, advertising/marketing, media, banking and finance.

Entry requirements:

Minimum grade 6 in GCSE English Language, grade 6 in GCSE Mathematics and grade 5 in GCSE Science.



'One can't live mindfully without being enmeshed in the psychological processes that are around us.'

Philip Zimbardo