

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## PSYCHOLOGY

Rochdale  
sixth form  
college

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### DO I NEED TO HAVE STUDIED PSYCHOLOGY BEFORE TO STUDY IT AT A LEVEL?

No - most students who join RSFC have never studied Psychology before, it is an interested course and we start with the foundations in Psychology and build your knowledge and skills through out the two years.

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### WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY?

To study Psychology you must meet the college entry requirements of 5 GCSE's grade 4 or above, including English or Maths.

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### HOW IS THE SUBJECT ASSESSED?

You will have 3 two-hour exams at the end of the 2 years.

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### WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour, providing a fascinating insight into the reasoning behind our actions.

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### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY?

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour whereas Sociology is the study of society which focuses on different parts of society and different social groups

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### WHAT CAN I DO WITH A QUALIFICATION IN PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology can help your career either directly or indirectly. If you wish to become a psychologist, therapist or mental health worker, this A level is of direct value. Many psychology graduates tend to build careers in education, the police, social work, further research and advertising & marketing.

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### HOW MUCH WRITING AND MATHS IS INVOLVED IN PSYCHOLOGY?

There will be extended answer questions in psychology, for example 8 and 16 mark essays, these will equate to 50% of your overall grade in Psychology. There is some maths involved in Psychology, equating to around 10% of your overall grade. A knowledge of GCSE Maths is sufficient.