



CHELTENHAM  
LADIES'  
COLLEGE

## SIXTH FORM ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2026 PSYCHOLOGY

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There will be one paper of 1 hour duration for candidates applying for either the A level or IB Psychology. No previous curriculum knowledge of psychology is required, although it is very helpful if the candidate is interested in human behaviour and human biology. Those who have studied psychology have no specific advantage over those who have not, but they should demonstrate their curriculum knowledge wherever relevant.

There is one section containing short answer compulsory questions and one section where candidates will have to write an essay from a choice of two questions. Questions will assess a candidate's interest in human behaviour, including their own, ability to put forward reasoned, evidenced, explanations and to be able to consider both sides of an argument. One of the questions in section 1 will include an excerpt from recent psychological research where candidates will be tested on their comprehension and interpretation of information. Candidates will be expected to be able to interpret charts and graphs, and to undertake some mathematical calculations – no advanced mathematics is required.

We are looking for evidence of genuine interest in the field of psychology, coupled with an ability to reflect, analyse and use evidence to support an argument.