

Psychology

Course content

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour, it is a multi-layered discipline and includes many sub-fields of study such areas as human development, health, clinical, social behaviour and cognitive processes.

You will discover a key topic of research and learn about important studies related to that topic, and find out how research is conducted in that area. You will learn to use statistical tests to help interpret data. You will have an opportunity to study some uses of psychology in the real world, such as gender and social influences.

During the course you will study the following topics over two years:

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Research Methods
- Approaches in Psychology
- Psychopathology
- Biopsychology
- Issues and Debates
- Relationships
- Eating Behaviour & Aggression

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in GCSE English and Grade 6 in GCSE science and maths

Assessment

1. **Introductory Topics in Psychology**– 2 hours (written paper) – 96 marks – 33.3% of A-level
2. **Psychology in Context**– 2 hours (written paper) – 96 marks – 33.3% of A - level
3. **Issues and Options in Psychology**– 2 hours (written paper) – 96 marks –33.3% of A-level

Progression

A psychology A level enables you to acquire a variety of transferable skills. These include numeracy, argument synthesis, data analysis, time management, independent research, teamwork, report writing, presentation skills, interpersonal and communication skills, plus an evolved ability to work ethically and professionally with people. All skills are highly valued in a range of employment fields.

Career opportunity areas include - Clinical Psychology, Counselling Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Health Psychology, Neuropsychology, Occupational Psychology, Research and Academic & Forensic Psychology, Sports and Exercise Psychology