



Psychology

Course Title
Psychology

Awarding Body
AQA

Course Level
A Level - 2 year

Course Description

A Level Psychology offers the opportunity to study human behaviour and the human mind in a scientific fashion. Students will learn some of the common theories of Psychology and will analyse these through practical experiments and data collection.

Course Content

Year 12

Students will study two topics - Introductory topics in Psychology where students will learn about social influence, memory and attachment. The second unit, Psychology in Context includes approaches in psychology, psychopathology and research methods.

Year 13

In Year 13, students will build on their knowledge and study Issues and options in Psychology. Students will be expected to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies; research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified Paper 3 content; apply psychological knowledge and understanding of the specified Paper 3 content in a range of contexts; analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods in relation to the specified Paper 3 content; and evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness.

Assessment

A Level – 3 exam papers, each 2 hours long

Progression Routes

A Level Psychology is well suited to those students who have an interest in pursuing the subject as a career, such as an Educational Psychologist or Clinical Psychologist. It complements subjects such as Health and Social Care, Biology or Forensic Science. It is a rigorous subject that will prepare all students for either university or employment because it leads to a better understanding of human nature, and the research methods requires students to be analytical.

Entry Requirements

Level 6 in English Language, Maths and Science.

(Please note that the course may run as a Level 3 BTEC)