

A-Level Psychology

COURSE OUTLINE

Psychology is a fascinating subject which will allow students to understand human behaviour and the reasons why we behave in the ways that we do.

There are various approaches to Psychology and during the course we will study key pieces of research and topics from a range of these areas including criminal behaviour, eye-witness testimony, phobias, relationships and therapies. Psychologists are asked to find answers to questions such as:

- How does memory work?
- Is eyewitness testimony reliable as evidence in court?
- Why do people suffer from phobias, and how can we treat them?
- How does the human brain work?
- What is a split-brain operation?
- Why do some people conform while others rebel?

Students will also study research methods and develop existing numeracy skills by looking at data and analysing what it tells us about the human behaviour studied in research.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Students who wish to study A-Level Psychology are required to have a Grade 5 in GCSE English and GCSE Grade 4 in either Maths or Science.

COURSE CONTENT & ASSESSMENT

A-Level students will take all their exams at the end of the 2-year course.

Paper 1 - Topics in Psychology

Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology - 2 hours written exam - 33.3%

Paper 2 - Psychology in Context

Approaches, Biopsychology, Research Methods - 2 hours written exam - 33.3%

Paper 3 - Issues and Options in Psychology

Issues and Debates in Psychology, Relationships, Schizophrenia and Forensics - 2 hours written exam - 33.3%

PROGRESSION

The study of Psychology provides an excellent steppingstone to work in a variety of subject-related professions, such as: clinical psychology, teaching, criminology, research, educational psychology, social worker, sports psychology, human resources and counselling.

Psychology is also a good basis for many other careers.