

OVERVIEW

In order to gain entry on to this course students will be required to have gained a Grade 6 in either English, Maths or Science and a Grade 5 in the remaining two subjects. Students will be required to challenge and analyse psychological theories and studies, alongside understanding psychological research which will require GCSE mathematical skills.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

The study of psychology can take you into a wide range of fields such as a police work, teaching, marketing, advertising, social work and public research.

Careers specifically related to psychology include: clinical, child, occupational, educational and forensic psychologists in which you would need to further study at doctorate levels.

This course provides an insight into these specifically related psychology careers.

Psychology

A LEVEL (AQA)

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind. Psychologists aim to observe and record humans and animals in order to make general laws of behaviour.

A LEVEL CONTENT

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches in Psychology
- Research Methods
- Bio-psychology
- Issues and Debates
- Schizophrenia
- Forensics
- Cognition and Development

These topics provide a wide overview of psychology and allow students to understand the vast range of theories psychology has proposed: enabling students to be prepared for undergraduate level.

Students will be expected to understand, analyse and evaluate psychological theories, concepts and studies into human behaviour.

The course will provide fascinating discussions such as: are people pre-programmed to become criminals, how does the brain recover after trauma, what causes schizophrenia and why do people conform to authority? Students will be expected to participate in a wide range of experiments throughout the course in order to test the accuracy of psychological theories of human behaviour.

ASSESSMENT

The students will sit three exam papers at the end of year 13, all being two hours long.

10% of the course will assess maths skills and 20-30% of the course will assess understanding of research methods.

If you have any questions about the course please speak to Miss Dickeson.

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