



Psychology

AQA

Joint Subject Leaders:

Mrs K Balloo & Miss M Crowther-Green

Course structure and content

The A Level course is linear with 3 examination papers at the end of year 2:

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology;
Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology

Paper 2: Psychology in Context;
Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research Methods

Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology;
Issues and Debates in Psychology, Relationships,
Eating Behaviour, Forensic Psychology

Each exam will be 2 hours and worth 96 marks and 33.3% of A Level. All papers contain a mix of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions.

*At least 10% of overall assessment of psychology will contain mathematical skills

** At least 30% of overall assessment of Psychology will assess skills, knowledge and understanding in relation to research methods



Entrance requirements

Automatic entry: Grade 6 in GCSE Psychology (or another humanities subject if taken), Maths and Science and Grade 5 in English.

Students not achieving this entrance requirement may on occasion be admitted by interview, based on academic performance, approach to learning and course suitability.

Students should note that there is a significant scientific element involved in the course and an understanding of basic scientific method is helpful. There is also a large element of statistical understanding required for the research undertaken throughout the course. Students must be prepared to take part in informal discussion, group work and presentation of individual research. Assessment will be by topic tests,

Progression routes

People-orientated professions including Sales and Marketing, Management, Human Resources, Journalism, Emergency Services and Teaching, as well as more subject-specific careers such as Educational, Clinical, Forensic, Occupational, Counselling, Health and Child Psychology.

Further information

Your course teachers are Mrs Balloo and Miss Crowther-Green who can be contacted on the number below.

How to apply

You can download an application form by visiting the Sixth Form area of the school website at:

www.waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk

Otherwise, contact us direct on 0121 457 4767.

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