

A-Level Psychology

Why Psychology?

The subject offers a fascinating insight into the very core of who we are and why. The course explores a range of psychological explanations for behaviour through a variety of distinct units. Ongoing debates in Psychology such as the nature-nurture debate will constantly surface as students balance a range of evidence and theory in an attempt to make sense of ability and behaviour.

What can I expect?

Over the 2 year course you will study units such as memory, attachment (development in children), social psychology (conformity & obedience), psychopathology (phobias & depression), schizophrenia, gender and addiction.

What do I need?

In addition to the general entry requirement for the Sixth Form, the minimum requirement for the course is a GCSE Grade 5 in English due to the written nature of the examination, and a 5 in Maths due to the statistical analysis that you will need to complete.

What about the future?

As well as jobs in psychiatry and counselling, a Psychology degree can lead to jobs in Marketing, Business development, Accountancy, Human resources, Management, Forensic psychology, Occupational therapy, Clinical psychology, Sports & Exercise, Nursing, and Teaching.

Psychology is a popular subject which is attractive to students because it develops a range of valuable skills, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. These skills are particularly relevant to young people and are transferable to further study and the workplace. This qualification offers students an engaging and stimulating introduction to the study of psychology, combined with the academic integrity and skills that Higher Education and employers value.

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