

Psychology

Introduction

How do we treat people with psychological disorders?
Would you be able to administer an electric shock to a stranger?
Do children copy violence in the media? How does your brain work? The Psychology 'A' level course gives you an insight into explanations of the behaviour of humans. Throughout the course you will learn how psychologists conduct research using a variety of established research methods, ranging from scientific experiments to individual case studies. You will also be taught to apply your understanding of various issues and debates throughout your course, such as the nature-nurture debate and ethical implications of research.

Content

YEAR 1 - Five Topics

- Social Psychology (conformity and obedience)
- Psychological Approaches (learning, cognitive, biological, psychodynamic and humanistic psychology)
- Child Psychology (attachment explanations)
- Psychopathology (abnormality and clinical psychology)
- Memory (memory models, eye witness testimony)

YEAR 2 - Four Topics

- Biopsychology (brain functioning, hormones, sleep patterns)
- Relationships (attraction, theories of romantic relationships, virtual relationships in social media)
- Schizophrenia (explanations and treatments)
- Forensic psychology (criminal profiling, explanations of criminality)



Careers and Progression

A level Psychology is a useful qualification as it compliments most other subjects as an understanding of people and behaviour is a valuable skill to bring to any profession. If pursued to degree level study, possible career progression could be in clinical, forensic, social, advertising and teaching fields.

Course Requirement

GCSE Science, Maths & English (5 or above, preferably 6)

Additional requirements:

An open, enquiring mind and an ability to write in a detailed and analytical style.
A genuine interest in psychology.

Course Leader

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