



Course Requirements

GCSE English Language - Grade 4
and Grade 4 in a Science subject
and GCSE Mathematics - Grade 4

Syllabus

AQA

Who to Contact

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Overview

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. It combines a focus on understanding people with the analysis and interpretation of data. Psychology enables the student to consider human behaviour from many perspectives and to think critically about its causes and consequences. It is unique in offering the chance to ask unanswered questions such as how we function during stress, how we learn language and how mental illness can affect the way the brain works.

Students gain understanding of research techniques both as participant and experimenter. Psychology studies the individual but also the way a group can influence the dynamics of a situation.

A variety of methods are used to teach this subject such as practical activities, independent research, group discussion, lectures, and extended written work.

Psychology is a science subject, which combines well with any other discipline. It is accepted by some medical courses as a third science A Level. However, it also combines well with Humanities subjects as it appeals to students with a general interest in people and their behaviour. Popular combinations are with Sociology, History, English, Geography and Business Studies.

Structure

A-Level: 3 Papers

The course covers topics from AS in more depth and additional topics of interest such as Relationships, Forensic psychology and Schizophrenia. Assessment is entirely exam based.

You

The type of person suited to this course will have a deep interest in human behaviour, will be able to accept differences of opinion and be able to express an opinion of their own. Students will become highly numerate and skilled in statistical analysis. They will learn skills of critical evaluation which is a highly desirable life skill.

Psychology is a challenging and stimulating course which is very rewarding for students prepared to work hard.

In terms of careers, Psychologists can train to work in various specialised fields including: Clinical psychology (working with people who have mental health problems), forensic or prison psychology, occupational psychology (business), educational psychology and research. It can be applied to a variety of occupational settings such as sport, law, nursing, child care, and teaching. It can be used and applied to every job which involves working with people.