



Post 16 Prospectus: PSYCHOLOGY

Examining Board: AQA

INTRODUCTION

The topics in this course enable students to grasp something of the complexity of Psychology and human behaviour. We also aim to provide students with an exciting learning environment. There are two teachers of psychology and lessons adopt a range of different activities which encourage students to develop their discussion, debate and independent learning skills, as well as their written communication. The schemes of work are designed to engage a broad range of learners and prepare them for university or their chosen careers, as well as enabling them to become more independent learners.

COURSE CONTENT

AS Level (Stand-alone AS Exam)		Advanced Level (Decoupled Exam)	
1	Memory	1	All AS content
2	Attachment	2	Biopsychology
3	Social Influence	3	Issues and Debates in Psychology
4	Approaches in Psychology (including Biopsychology)	4	Cognition and Development
5	Psychopathology (Abnormality)	5	Forensic Psychology
6	Research Methods	6	Schizophrenia
AS ASSESSMENT		A2 ASSESSMENT	
Paper 1: 1.5 hour exam Introductory Topics in Psychology		Paper 1: 2 hour exam Introductory topics in Psychology	
Paper 2: 1.5 hour exam Psychology in Context		Paper 2: 2 hour exam Psychology in context	
		Paper 3: 2 hour exam Issues and options in Psychology	

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT

Crime Conference – an insight into crime prevention, prison experiences from ex-prisoners and a talk from a forensic psychologist.

Brain Day – A one day tutorial in school all about the brain led by a professor of neuroscience. Includes a sheep brain dissection.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General entry requirement for Post-16: 5 grade 4/C at GCSE.

Specific entry requirements: At Least a grade 4 in GCSE English Language, Maths and Science.

A STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

‘Studying Psychology has helped explain so much of what we encounter in everyday life.’ (Year 13 student).



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WHERE NEXT?

This course can lead to a variety of higher educational courses such as Clinical Psychology, Forensic Psychology, Sports Psychology, Educational Psychology, Criminology, Anthropology and Social Policy. In terms of career opportunities, the course develops written communication, independent learning and skills of analysis and evaluation. The social focus of the course provides students with many insights into areas like health, education, development and research. Therefore, this is a useful qualification for many fields of employment.

Psychology can also be beneficial for study in other areas such as:

Medicine	Media
Nursing	Research Scientist
Physiotherapy	Health promotion
Business	Advertising
Law	Teaching

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Regular drop in sessions for small group and individual support, including study and revision skills
- 'Open door policy' so students are able to access staff for help during study periods and outside of lessons
- Revision sessions leading up to exams
- Regular exam question practice and review lessons
- Checklists to allow students to monitor their progress through the course and to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses
- Resources to develop written communication skills
- Individual support programmes for students experiencing difficulties
- Access to an online digital textbook
- Recommendations for extra reading and access to the Psychology Review magazine through the library

STUDENT SUCCESS

Many students have gone on to study pure Psychology at university. Related degrees that students are currently studying include Psychology and Business, Nursing, Sociology, Media and Communications, Criminology, Sports Science, Counselling and Teaching.