Psychology

COURSE OVERVIEW

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and how it dictates and influences our behaviour, from communication and memory to thought and emotion. It's about understanding what makes people tick and how this understanding can help us address many of the problems and issues in society today.

As a science, psychology functions as both a thriving academic discipline *and* a vital professional practice, one dedicated to the study of human behaviour - and the thoughts, feelings, and motivations behind it - through observation, measurement, and testing, in order to form conclusions that are based on sound scientific methodology.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS DEVELOPED

You will learn about a variety of topics related to human behaviour. Such as memory, attachment, schizophrenia and the biological components to behaviour, among various other topics.

Skills;

- Note taking & summarising information.
- How to revise (use of different revision aids /methods).
- Organisation of folders and time.
- Evaluation and analysis
- Research skills
- Independent learning
- Communication skills

Qualification: **A-Level**

Awarding Body: **AQA**

ASSESSMENT METHOD

Three two-hour examinations at the end of two years of study.

The exams will include a combination of short answer questions, multiple choice and essay questions.

Paper 1 - Introductory topics in Psychology

Paper 2 - Psychology in context

Paper 3 - Issues and options in Psychology

OPPORTUNITIES AND CAREERS

Psychology uses a variety of skills, and as such can help with various careers.

Careers directly linked to psychology include;

- Clinical psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Sports psychologist
- Occupational psychologist
- Researcher
- Therapist/counselling psychologist

Careers where a psychology degree would be useful;

- Advice worker
- Counsellor
- Human resources
- Police officer
- Neuroscientist

"My passion for psychology grew when I experienced changes occurring in those who suffer from particular disorders, for example, depression and how the memory changed after a stroke. After the first year, I immediately began to perceive human behaviour and interactions in a very different approach. Overall, this subject gives individuals an insight to the real-world and has really helped me to acknowledge how important critical thinking is"