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PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL

Entry Requirements:

Prior experience of psychology is not necessary, but a good basis of GCSE passes will be an advantage, in particular a minimum of a Grade 6 in English, Maths and Science. Students are expected to work well independently and be able to write critically and fluently. There is plenty of opportunity for group discussion.

What will I do?

Year 1 introduces key psychological topics, including: social influence; memory; childhood attachment and abnormal behaviour. There is also an applied aspect to the course where students will explore key approaches to psychology, biopsychology and research methods. The second year of the A Level covers topics such as Eating Behaviour, Relationships, Psychological Issues and Debates and Forensic Psychology.

Is this for me?

Psychology is the study of the mind and behaviour. It examines how humans (and some other animals) act in the way they do. Because of the discussion-based nature of the subject, it is recognised as a valuable A Level by both employers and most universities. This course is taught to allow students to progress to BSc (Hons) Psychology courses as well as a range of careers. These include: advertising; education; the media; business; uniformed services; personnel; retail and public services, such as: the police force, nursing and social work. Depending on future career aspirations there are a number of subjects that complement Psychology, including English Literature, English Language, Media Studies, Biology and Philosophy and Ethics.

This course will introduce you to the theories and methods of psychology. It offers the opportunity to look at some of the explanations psychologists use to understand humans and their interactions with the world. You are not expected to invent your own theories; but to apply, analyse and understand the views of practising psychologists.

This is a linear A Level so all assessment is via examination at the end of the two year course. The examination consists of three, two hour papers that include multiple choice, short answer and extended writing tasks.

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