

Psychology

Overview:

Exam Board AQA

Why Study? Psychology is the scientific study of the human brain, the mind and behaviour. There are many different types of psychologists such as those who believe that our genetics influence behaviour to the behaviourists who believe that our genetics have no influence and that our environment makes us who we are. This subject compliments the sciences and sociology and is useful to help you progress to a wide range of careers from a science career, to nursing and even marketing. It also has many practical benefits such as it is really useful to learn how your memory can be improved and how children make attachments.

Content:

Key Units/ Content

Social Influence, memory, attachment and abnormal psychology

Approaches in psychology, biopsychology and research methods

Gender, Forensic, Schizophrenia and issues and debates

Key Skills It helps students develop universally useful skills like communication, critical-thinking, and a proficiency with statistics and data

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 or above in either GCSE English Language or GCSE English Literature and a Grade 5 in GCSE Maths.

How Assessed:

How many exams: There are three exams, each exam is 1 ½ hours long.

Breakdown of marks: Each paper is out of 96 marks. All the sections are out of 24 marks each except for research methods on paper 2 that is out of 48 marks. There is a mixture of multiple choice questions, small mark questions and essay questions.

Coursework: No coursework for this course.

Progression:

Careers: This can lead to range of careers such as a clinical psychologist, educational psychologist, counsellor, sports psychologist. It also leads into nursing and marketing.

University Courses There is a wide range of university courses that include psychology. These can be pure Psychology or applied psychology that specifically links to the careers that are available.

Links with other subjects: This links well with the other science subjects, sociology, health and social care and BTEC forensics.