

Psychology

Level 3

A Level *Course Leader: Mrs T Pike*

Entry requirements

- High average point score with a range of grades from 4-9 with grade 6 in Maths - Students who fall below this will need to complete a suitability assessment
- A curiosity for how we think and behave
- An interest in researching and reading around topics

Why choose this course?

Psychology allows us to understand the workings of the mind and interpret behaviour that we see based on this. It will also look at the way research is conducted and how this can affect the knowledge and ideas that are common in society.

Because of this exploration of the way we think and the ability to analyse data this course is the perfect accompaniment to many other A levels and can be used to access a great many HE courses and careers.

This subject has no coursework so those choosing it must be able to write well in exams and have good study skills allowing them to retain and apply knowledge.

Web Links

www.aqa.co.uk

What does the course involve?

A Level - Year 1

Year 1 *Introductory topics in psychology*

- Social influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches in psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research methods
- Issues and debates in psychology

A Level - Year 2

Psychology in context

1 topic from each of the 3 sections

- Relationships or gender or cognition
- Schizophrenia or eating behaviour or stress
- Aggression or forensic psychology or addiction

Plus issues and debates in psychology as well as content from year 1 at a more advanced level

Possible career pathway

Routes include higher apprenticeships, higher education, Armed Services and entry level jobs. Areas include police, clinical work, forensics, health and social care.