



Psychology

PSYCHOLOGY

What will I study?

The course develops a broad knowledge and understanding of core areas of Psychology such as social, cognitive, developmental, biological and individual differences.

It will engage students in issues and debates in Psychology as well as studying topics including relationships, forensics, and mental disorders such as depression or schizophrenia. There are also opportunities to consider the way in which Psychology can be applied to contemporary issues, such as the media or eating behaviour and to consider the way in which an understanding of Psychology can help to manage our experience of the world.

There is a scientific and mathematical element to the course, but at the same time the subject matter is firmly focused on understanding human behaviour. Where possible practical elements are included to allow an understanding of the research methods underlying this understanding and to help develop a range of skills. A distinctive feature of Psychology is the range of explanations for human behaviour, and students should enjoy evaluating and comparing these different approaches.

Assessment

There will be 3 written examinations at the end of the 2 years of study.

These examinations are 2 hours in length and test all the material taught on the course.

Career Opportunities

There are many! A number of our previous students have gone on to study Psychology at university – this is a competitive subject and we are pleased with their success. Their courses included specialisation in areas such as health, occupational, counselling and forensic Psychology.

Links exist to a wide range of subjects and Psychology counts as a “science” and is universally accepted as part of a package suitable for degrees in a range of subjects including medicine.

A number of students have gone on to teacher training degrees with Psychology as one of their subjects. Psychology also provides a strong background for subjects such as Law, as well as subjects such as public relations, marketing, the police force and business.

Entry Requirements

Five Level 4 GCSEs are required for entry into 6th Form.

Level 5 pass is required in your chosen, or related, subject.

Some subjects require Level 6; decisions will be based on individual students.

Specialist facilities

Purchase of textbooks:

AQA Psychology for A level Year 1 & AS Student Book: 2nd Edition, Cara Flanagan, Illuminate Publishing ISBN 978-1912820429.

AQA Psychology for A level Year 2 Student Book: 2nd Edition, Cara Flanagan, Illuminate Publishing, ISBN 978-1912820467

Cost of any trips

Hours of study (fortnightly)

9 hours of lesson time

6 hours independent learning

