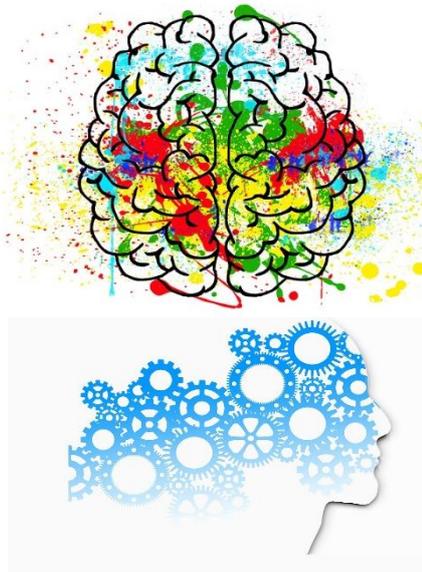




Psychology



What our students say:

“Everyone is made up of similar ingredients yet each individual acts and thinks completely differently, why? This is the main question that psychology is based on and you as a student have the opportunity to analyse different approaches to this. I am interested in the clinical aspect of psychology, which is taught in the 2nd year of this course. This is because you don’t only learn about certain mental disorders, but you also question how valid and reliable the psychiatric diagnosis process is in itself. Studying psychology not only helps you learn a range of theories, it also causes you to form your own opinions.”

Entry Requirements:

5 GCSEs graded 9 – 4, including English and Mathematics.

Exam Board and Specification Link:

OCR A Level Psychology, H567: [OCR Psychology specification](#)

What skills will you develop?

Studying psychology will help you learn to work independently and carry out scientific research. It will help develop your mathematical and analytical skills. Studying psychology will increase your evaluation skills, and help you understand the strengths and weaknesses of different psychological research methods, theories and concepts.

What will you study?

Unit 1 Research Methods (30%) Year 1

In this unit you will develop knowledge and understanding of planning, conducting, analysing and reporting psychological research across a range of experimental and non-experimental methodologies. You will learn how to analyse data applying a range of statistical techniques.

Unit 2 Psychological themes through Core Studies (35%) Year 1

This unit focuses on some of the central areas of investigation in psychology. For each theme, students will be taught both a classic and a contemporary study. The classic studies are ‘landmark’ pieces of research that have helped to shape the course of the subject. The contemporary studies are more ‘up to date’ pieces of research that engage in some way with the issues being explored in the classic studies they are paired with.

Unit 3 Applied Psychology (35%) Year 2

Students consider a number of methodological issues and how they relate to a range of topics. Topics such as mental health and child psychology are covered.



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Why study this subject?

Psychology is the study of human behaviour and is therefore directly relevant to everyday life. It will help you understand human behaviour and mental processes and allow you to better understand how we think, act and feel. If you study psychology you'll be able to develop your analytical and organisational skills and learn about scientific research methods, including collecting and working with data.

How will you be assessed?

The A level will consist of three units, with exams taken at the end of the second year. Each unit consists of a 2 hour exam.

Where can the subject lead?

Psychology A level is excellent preparation for academic study at university or for progression to a professional career. Psychology is useful for any job that requires lots of interaction with people, or an understanding of human behaviour and development. People with skills in psychology are sought after in business, management, teaching, research, social work and careers in medicine and healthcare.

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