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ACADEMY**
PROUD TO LEARN

Psychology A LEVEL

Course Description

Psychology will provide exciting opportunities for learners to study human and animal behaviour.

Psychologists attempt to explain:

Why people think, act, and feel the way they do?

Whether experiences you had before the age of five really do shape the person you are today?

Why people blindly obey those in authority even when it means torturing other humans?

How human memory works and why it often fails?

Why some people suffer from mental illness and what can be done to help them?

How much of our behaviour is influenced by our biology, environment, or unconscious forces?

How different approaches within psychology explain the human mind and behaviour?

Students learn research methods used for research in the social sciences and have the opportunity to conduct their own piece of research at the end of Year 12.

Scheme of Assessment

Paper 1 (33.3% of A Level): Introductory topics in Psychology. Topics of: "social influence", "memory", "attachment" and "psychopathology".

Paper 2 (33.3% of A Level): Psychology in Context. Topics of: "approaches in psychology", "biopsychology" and "research methods".

Paper 3 (33.3% of A Level): Issues and Options in Psychology. Topics of: "issues and debates in psychology", "relationships", "Schizophrenia and "forensic psychology".



Examining Body: AQA

Entry Requirements: AQA

5 GCSEs 9 - 5 including a grade 6 in English.
GCSE grade 5 in Maths and Combined Science

What equipment or materials do I need?

Textbook, stationary, lever-arch folder.

Career Progression

An A level in psychology would prepare you to study degree courses in Psychology, a good A Level grade in this subject will be accepted as part of the qualification for most degree courses.

Universities and employers view qualifications in psychology very favourably as this indicates good communication skills and confidence, which are important to any career.

"Psychology helps to measure the probability that an aim is attainable"