



PSYCHOLOGY

Qualification: A-Level

Overview of subject:

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour, considering and evaluating explanations from different approaches. The course will involve learning key theories and studies, how research is designed, and the practical applications of psychological understanding to areas such as parenting, therapies for mental illness, memory and learning, and creating social change.

Topics studied in the syllabus include:

- Memory
- Attachment
- Social influence
- Psychopathology
- Research methods
- Schizophrenia
- Biopsychology
- Aggression

The course might be of interest to:

Anyone who wants to understand why people behave in certain ways, those who can think critically, are willing to read, and are inquisitive. You will also need to like science, especially Biology, be competent at Maths, as well as be prepared to write essays.

Potential future pathways:

Psychology combines well with almost every other course, providing a range of transferable skills including data analysis, creating justified arguments, critical thinking and gives an understanding of human behaviour.

Most degree courses now have some psychological component. In addition to following a professional career in Psychology, (eg Clinical, occupational, educational Psychology), being able to understand the needs and motivations of others will be valuable to any career involving people.