

WHAT DO I NEED TO STUDY THIS COURSE?

The entry requirements for this course are 5 GCSEs at grade 4 or above including Maths and English Language.

IS THIS COURSE FOR ME?

This course is for you if you are interested in human behaviour and the methods that scientists use to investigate it. This course is for you if you are naturally curious and would like to know why people do what they do. This course is for you if you find yourself asking yourself questions such as why do we obey those in authority if what they are asking us to do is wrong, what causes phobias or why do some people commit crime? This course is also for those who are interested in science and enjoy analysing data.

WHERE WILL THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

Psychology students can go on to specialise in a particular area of psychology in Higher Education, such as Educational Psychology, Sports Psychology, Therapy or Occupational Psychology. The skills you learn will also readily transfer to many other careers such as human resources, social work, business marketing, business management, and government services, including the police. The study of Psychology is also good preparation for any career involving working with people.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

Year 1

Social influence - You will learn how our behaviour is affected by our friends, family and other groups of people.

Memory - You will learn about how memory works, what makes us forget why eyewitness testimony can be unreliable.

Psychopathology - You will learn about mental illness including depression, phobias and obsessive compulsive disorder.

Research Methods - You will learn about a range of methods used to investigate human behaviour.

Year 2

Biopsychology - You will learn about the central nervous system and also how different parts of the brain can affect our behaviour.

Relationships - You will learn about physical attractiveness and what characteristics people look for in a partner. You will also investigate celebrity worship and the impact on online relationships.

Schizophrenia - You will learn about what the symptoms of this disorder, what causes it and how can help treat it.

Forensic Psychology - You will learn about explanations of offender behaviour and also methods of dealing with offending behaviour such as the effectiveness of prisons.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

All assessment for this course is through written examination.

A total of three papers which are two hours long.

