



PSYCHOLOGY



Psychology gives us an insight into who we are. It helps to solve the puzzle of why some people might do one thing, whilst others do another. And explains why some people are more likely to develop ‘abnormal’ behaviours than others.

Key Course Information

Assessment

Linear Exams

A Level Psychology involves studying a wide range of topics, so there is a lot of information to absorb, and you will need to be able to apply this knowledge.

An important skill you will learn is how to evaluate conflicting theories about the topics you cover, and the studies that support, or challenge, them.

A-Level Psychology is a linear subject, assessed at the end of two years of study.

The 3 written exam papers comprise a range of short and extended questions. These include applying case study knowledge and interpreting data from previously unseen stimuli.

Subject Combinations

Connected subjects

A Level Psychology will provide you with the skills required of an undergraduate - an inquiring mind and the ability to use scientific research findings to support and challenge various claims about why people behave the way that they do.

Sociology and psychology share common ground in their exploration of human behaviour. Chemistry may seem unrelated to psychology at first, but it offers insights into the chemical processes that influence the brain and behaviour. Biology provides valuable insights into the biological underpinnings of behaviour and cognition. Studying Maths will support the data analysis elements of the course, and the psychoanalytical theory covered in Film and Media has a lot of crossover with Psychology.

Progression

Where can History take me?

Taking A-level Psychology is often the foundation for a career as a clinical psychologist or within the field of mental health support. Responsible for assessing, diagnosing, and treating mental health issues, a clinical psychologist typically works in hospitals, and in private practices.

Over the last decade the growth of psychology in schools and colleges has been phenomenal.

Psychology is highly favoured by universities. According to [The Complete University Guide](#), taking Psychology with another facilitating subject enable you to access a varied range of degree courses.

For more information, contact the Humanities team.

