A Level Psychology

Course detail

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. Psychologists are actively involved in studying and understanding mental processes, brain functions, and behaviour.

Students will be expected to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the course content.
- evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness.
- Students will also have the opportunity to apply psychological knowledge and understanding of the course content to a specified range of contexts.
- Students will be required to analyse, interpret, and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods in relation to the course content.

Students will be expected to carry out ethical practical research activities, involving:

- designing research
- conducting research
- analysing and interpreting data

In carrying out practical research activities, students will manage associated risks and use information and communication technology

A level Psychology follows the AQA 7182 specification

All papers have equal weight, and each has a combination of multiple choice, short answers, and extended writing. A Level content includes:

Paper 1 - Introductory Topics in Psychology (2 hours)

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Approaches in Psychology
- Psychopathology

Paper 2 - Psychology in Content

- Research Methods
- Approaches in Psychology
- Biopsychology

Paper 3 - Issues and Options in Psychology (2hours):

- Issues and debates in Psychology
- Cognition and Development
- Schizophrenia
- Aggression

