

OFFERING THE MOST FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

► A-Level Psychology

Psychology is a versatile A-Level. Studying this subject teaches you skills in analysis, discussion and debate. You will learn how to evaluate scientific research whilst analysing studies which demonstrate how our brains change shape or explain why we obey and rebel. Psychology is a subject which is a gateway to many careers with good prospects and remains a highly popular option for degree level study. The subject gives an insight into how people think and what they do, as well as gaining an understanding of their deeper motivations.

What will I learn?

Suitable for learners with a keen interest in people and their behaviour, A-Level Psychology offers the chance to explore a range of concepts and theories relating to humans and their thoughts, emotions and actions. You will study approaches and methods related to the core areas of Psychology – cognitive, social, biological, developmental, individual differences and research methods.

How will I be taught?

The primary way of teaching is classroom based, theory sessions with a variety of opportunities for learners to broaden their knowledge of psychology in the real world, including trips and visits and guest speakers.

Entry Requirements

You can only study this course as part of A-Level Extra, alongside a full-time Level 3 vocational qualification. You need five GCSEs at grade 9-5 (A*-C) including English Language or maths at grade 6.

How will I be assessed?

Assessment is by coursework and examination.

What can I do next?

Psychology offers good career prospects in a range of areas including clinical, forensic, occupational and educational psychology. A combination of subjects can lead to university degree courses in areas such as criminology, psychology, sociology, medicine, forensic science, teacher training, law, nursing and social work. The skills you learn will also readily transfer to many other careers. These skills include oral and written communication, problem-solving and the ability to carry out independent research.