

Psychology

GCSE

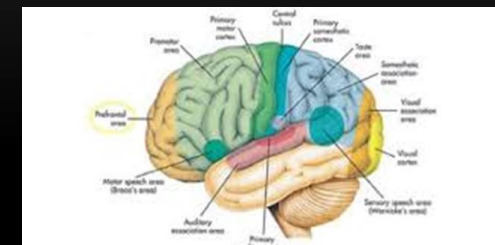


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Why study Psychology?

- Psychology is one of the most popular subjects to study because it has a big impact on all areas of life, from education, health, economy and crime.
- Psychologists apply scientific methodology to explain human behaviour.
- They create theories, test hypotheses through observation and experiment, and analyse their reports with statistical techniques that help them identify key findings.
- *Ultimately, psychologists try to find solutions to enable humans to lead richer, fulfilled and healthier lives.*



Course Aims



- An interesting and captivating course
- Opportunity to be 'Psychologists', and learn about research by doing research
- Opportunity to study applied areas of Psychology at GCSE that most interest them
- Stretch and challenge opportunities for most able learners
- Develop psychological literacy to enable them to apply knowledge and skills in everyday lives,
- Develop self awareness and “consciousness” of their behaviour
- To make informed decisions about their behaviour and choices, in school and out of school



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Course Outline



Paper 1

1 hour and 30 mins
90 marks
13, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 mark questions

COMPONENT 1:

Criminal Psychology:

Why do individuals commit crimes? *Does punishment deter future re-offending?*

Psychological Problems:

What is "ideal mental health"?

What are the effects of health problems on the individual and society?

Developmental:

How does nature/nurture effect children's development?

Is intelligence innate?

Paper 2

1 hour and 30 mins
90 marks
13, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 marks questions

COMPONENT 2:

Social Influence:

Why do individuals and social groups conform and obey? *Are individuals innately an authoritarian personality, or is this learnt?*

Memory – To what extent are the structure and function of the brain responsible for our memories? *Why do we forget?*

Sleep and Dreaming – The functions and features of sleep and dreaming? *Why do we dream? What is the relationship between insomnia and the role of the nervous system?*

Synoptic Themes

RESEARCH METHODS
(the scientific and mathematical elements)

- Planning research
- Conducting the research
- Analysing the research



Holcombe Habits



- Wonder and awe is developed through the continual layering and gathering of new knowledge about human behaviour, thinking and actions. Developing a sense of curiosity by asking challenging questions and enquiring in to the reasons why we behave the way we do?
- Continuous learning is developed through the constant addition, development and expansion of previously gained knowledge. For example, the mathematical and scientific processes learnt at GCSE applied to analysing and interpreting data, into human behaviours.
- Questioning and posing problems are developed through modern day human issues such as dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of mental health issues, to understanding the impact of nurture on a child's academic development.



Top 10 Universities For Psychology



University of Cambridge

University of Bath

Durham University

University of Oxford

University of St Andrews

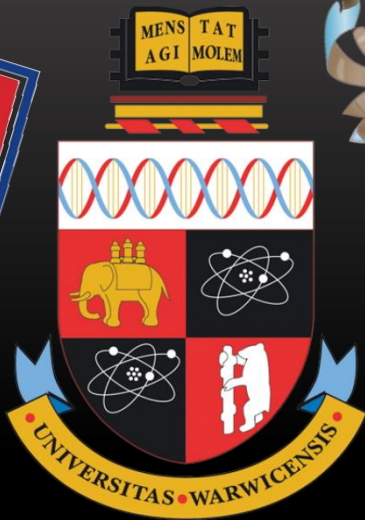
University of Glasgow

University of Bristol

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University of Exeter

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