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Psychology

What will I learn?

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour and mental processes. It will help you understand how people behave and think in different situations.

Psychology A Level is valued by employers and is an avenue to Higher Education. As well as keeping your options open it can lead to a wide range of careers such as human resource management, recruitment and selection, forensic psychology, work with the mentally ill or handicapped or educational psychology. Psychology is a science recognised by all Universities. Students will learn how science works and how to conduct and analyse research on humans.

What can I do next?

You could take this course to complement other advanced level courses, such as another science, or to prepare for the Advanced GCE in Psychology, which could lead you onto higher education to study Psychology or more general higher education courses.

With further training, you could go into a job related to Psychology and people such as a Counsellor, Nurse or Psychologist.

You could also go straight into a job as the AS GCE is a recognised qualification that will help you develop the skills, understanding and knowledge that many employers across lots of industries are looking for.

Summary

Level: AS

Duration: 1 year

Qualification:
OCR AS Psychology

Entry Requirements:
6 GCSEs graded 5 and above including Science, Maths & English at Level 6



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Further course content

There are two exams and two components to the course

1. Research methods (50% of the total marks) 1 hour 30 minutes exam

This component teaches students the research methods used by psychologists to investigate human (and animal) behaviour. It also includes how observations are undertaken as well as self-reporting. The controls and different types of experiments and how to interpret and create correlations.

The ethics of what is acceptable in research and what isn't are debated.

2. Core studies (50% of the total marks) 1 hour and 30 minutes exam

This component introduces 10 core studies and the areas of psychology they are linked to. There are 5 areas of psychology studied and each explains behaviour using different perspectives. Debates such as the nature-nurture debate are used to broaden students thinking and knowledge. The course is informative, exciting and incorporates some very interesting studies.

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