

Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. Psychologists use experiments to understand how and why people act and interact in the way they do.

Psychologists can work in social care, mental health, education, business, research and sports. If you are interested in trying a psychology experiment, watch this video and read the explanation behind it:

http://theinvisiblegorilla.com/gorilla_experiment.html



Qualification: GCSE
Examination Board: AQA
Specification Code: 8182

Topics Covered

This is a new course which started in September 2017 with the following topics covered across two papers:

Cognition & Behaviour	Social Context & Behaviour
Memory	Social influence
Perception	Language, thought & communication
Development	Brain & neuropsychology
Research methods	Psychological problems

Assessment

Assessment is via two exams at the end of Year 11.

Paper 1: Cognition & Behaviour (50% of GCSE)
Written exam, 1 hour 45 minutes - 100 marks

Paper 2: Social Context & Behaviour (50% of GCSE)
Written exam, 1 hour 45 minutes - 100 marks

Course Progression

Psychology offers many transferable skills including academic writing, presentation skills, critical thinking, analytical skills, leadership and team work skills.

Studying psychology at GCSE will put you in a better position to progress to successfully studying a huge range of subjects at A level, from science to sociology.

Career Opportunities

Psychology prepares you for any job where interaction or an understanding of human behaviour or development is vital. This includes careers in areas such as business, management, teaching, research, social work, medicine and healthcare.

If you study the subject at degree level you could also become a psychologist working in areas including sports, education, clinical and counselling, forensic psychology and neuropsychology.

You can find more information on here:
<http://www.bps.org.uk/careers-portal>