



Psychology

No of Units: 3 papers

Awarding Board: AQA

Course Code: 7182

Content:

Social influence – conformity and compliance

Memory – models of memory and eyewitness testimony

Attachment – caregiver – infant interactions, types of attachment and effects of institutionalisation

Approaches in Psychology – psychological theories and methods

Psychopathology – What is normal? Explaining abnormality

Research methods – Examining how psychologists carry out research and analyse their results

Biopsychology – Brain functions & plasticity, lateralisation and rhythms

Schizophrenia

Aggression

Cognition and development

Assessment:

Paper 1 – Social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology

Paper 2 – Approaches, biopsychology and research methods

Paper 3 – Issues and debates, schizophrenia, aggression, cognition and development

Further Information:

The subject requires a combination of essay skills, mathematical ability and a genuine interest in science and research. It requires students to be able to work and study independently and at a fast pace. Your assessment will come in the form of 3 final exam papers at the end of your 2 years of study, so you need revision skills and a good memory!

Many Psychology A Level students will go on to study psychology at university, however students also progress to NHS careers in nursing, medicine and physiotherapy, for example. This course is recognised by universities as a science because it contains a high proportion of biological analysis.

'Destinations' of Former Students/Possible Career Links:

Psychology at Durham, Manchester, York, Oxford, UEA, Newcastle and Liverpool.

Forensic Psychology at Chester.

Nursing/Midwifery at Liverpool and UCL.

Teaching at Sheffield, Durham and Nottingham.

Medicine at Manchester and Newcastle.

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