

## Course Content

Psychology is the scientific study of human and animal behaviour. It has feet in both the social and natural sciences. As a social science, psychology is concerned with the concepts and theories of self-perception and the way in which we interact collectively. At the other end of the spectrum, cognitive psychology is more firmly located within the biological and medical sciences—concerned with how sensory and nervous systems work, memory, the acquisition of language and evolution.

### **AS**

#### **Social Influence**

Looking into types of conformity, obedience to authority, minority and majority influence

#### **Memory**

Multi store model of memory, types of LTM, factors affecting eye witness testimony

#### **Attachment**

Explanations of attachment

#### **Psychopathology**

Definitions of abnormality, including deviation from social norms

#### **Approaches in Psychology**

Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts and theories

#### **Research Methods**

Students should demonstrate knowledge and understanding of a variety of research methods.

### **A-level (alongside all AS level topics)**

#### **Biopsychology**

Divisions of the nervous system, structure and function of sensory neurons

#### **Relationships**

The evolutionary explanations for partner preferences

#### **Schizophrenia**

Classification of schizophrenia, biological and psychological explanations and therapies

#### **Aggression**

Social psychological explanations of human aggression, Institutional aggression in the context of prisons, the ethological explanation of aggression and media influences

## Skills and Qualifications Required

*All students must have a level 4 or above in Maths, English and Science*

## Assessment

**AS** - The course will be assessed at the end of the year with two 90 minutes exam papers.

**A-Level** - The course will be assessed at the end of the year with three 2 hour exam papers.

## A Pathway To...

*Sports Psychologist* study the psychological factors that affect participant's performance during sport, advising athletes how to enhance performance

*Recruitment Consultants* help to meet the recruitment needs of companies by advertising vacancies, researching suitability of applicants

*Public Relations Officer* manage client reputations through a variety of media communications, including press releases and social media events

*Educational Psychologists* assess the needs of children who are experiencing behavioral and learning difficulties at school

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