Psychology

AQA

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Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

Aims of the Course

Psychology examines the ways people think, act, react, and interact with each other. Studying this course will give students a thorough understanding of human behaviour and the thoughts and emotions that influence this. Students will apply psychological science to a variety of contemporary and social challenges.

Course structure and content

Eleven topics taught through five themes by two teachers over two years.

Theme 1 - Psychopathology

Students learn about explanations and therapies for various mental health issues, including phobias, depression, OCD, schizophrenia and addiction.

Theme 2 - Biological and Cognitive Psychology

Students learn about the anatomy of the brain in biopsychology and how this impacts cognitive processes, including memory.

Theme 3 - Social Psychology

Students learn about different social pressures faced by people through the topics of social influence and relationships.

Theme 4 - Developmental Psychology

Students learn about attachments formed between infants and caregivers and how this might impact their adult behaviour.

Theme 5 - Research methods

Students will learn about scientific processes and techniques of data handling and analysis used in psychological research.

Assessment

At the end of the Lower 6th, students sit an exam on all of the Lower 6th content. This does not count towards the final grade, but assesses the content at this half-way point before progression to the Upper 6th.

The final assessments at the end of the Upper 6th are as below:

Assessment 1 - 33% 2 hour written paper on social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology (96 marks).

Assessment 2 - 33% 2 hour written paper on biopsychology, approaches and research methods (96 marks).

Assessment 3 - 33% 2 hour written paper on issues and debates, relationships, schizophrenia and addiction (96 marks).

Future career opportunities

Psychology can lead to further study in Psychology or a variety of wider subjects and careers, including but not limited to Medicine, Therapy, Healthcare, Education, Research, Academia, Forensics, Business, Neuroscience, Law and Law Enforcement.

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