

EBacc Pathway

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the study of the mind and behaviour.

Course Content:

Pupils will study a range of approaches to psychology including biological, cognitive and social approaches. These will be investigated through various topics, consisting of perception, social influence, memory, child development, psychological problems and the brain and neuropsychology. Pupils will need to think synoptically by analysing content from across the topics. They will carry out small-scale research projects using psychological research methods, such as observations and experiments. Since Psychology is a science, pupils should expect to study biology and mathematics during the course. A good standard of literacy is important for writing extended question responses.

Assessment:

100% examination, divided between two externally assessed papers.

Each examination paper is worth 50% of the GCSE.

Each examination paper contains specific topics.

Each examination paper contains a range of short answer and extended writing questions.

Trips, resources and other opportunities:

Workshops

Pupil Quotes:

"Nothing in life is easy, neither is Psychology, so just try it!" Year 10

Psychology is different to any other subject and you realise there is so much more to discover in yourself than you thought." Year 10

"We though Psychology was based on one topic but there are a range of topics which are very interesting. It does involve a lot of work and dedication but it'll be worth it." Year 10

"To be able to learn Psychology you need to be able to put in a lot of effort but it is one of the most interesting subjects taught at GCSE level." Year 11

"Psychology is a really intriguing subject. The studies which you learn about have found out some amazing and interesting reasons for why we behave the way we do." Year 11

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