

PSYCHOLOGY

Subject Overview

Psychology offers a more effective way of thinking. It is practical and offers a vast store of information and suggestions about issues that concern everyone. These range from broad social issues such as how to reduce prejudice or how to improve the testimony of eyewitnesses, to highly personal ones such as ways of controlling anger and how to cope more effectively with stress.

Psychology is part of our everyday life and everyone expresses opinions about topics such as the effect of television violence on aggression, why girls are doing better at school than boys and what has caused the increase in reported rates of depression.

Psychology offers a way of asking precise questions about such issues and testing ideas and opinions using a logical and rigorous approach. In this way opinions can be better informed.

Psychology is a fascinating and extremely popular subject that is a fairly demanding 'A' level. It helps to develop research skills and the ability to think critically and success depends on sustained hard work. The ability to write coherently and accurately is vital. Newspaper articles, TV programmes, films and theatre productions can all help to expand our psychological knowledge. You will gain a great deal more from the course if you are willing to take an active role in your own learning. Studying the course at A'level will give you the tools of analysis and evaluation required to answer interesting current debates and issues arising in society. The ability to apply psychological theories and studies to practical daily problems and real life examples is essential and a vital skill that will be enhanced. Studying Psychology will complement and help you within other humanities subjects such as Sociology, History and R.E, in addition subjects such as Biology, P.E and Maths.

Students in the past have attended universities from across a wide spectrum; LSE, Brunel, Durham, St. Mary's, Nottingham; Aston, Loughborough, Westminster, Southampton, and Sussex to mention a few. Forensic Science, Neuroscience, Sports Psychology, Psychotherapy, Human Resources, and Teaching are just a few of the careers that studying psychology has helped prepare our students for.

Exam Board Specification: AQA

AS level:

This will be examined by two exam papers at the end of the AS year if you choose to only complete the AS level.

1. Social influence
2. Memory
3. Attachment
4. Approaches in Psychology
5. Psychopathology
6. Research Media

A2 level:

If you decide to do the full A'level you will be examined on the above and the 3 options below, at the end of the two years.

Option 1

- Relationships
- Gender
- Cognition and development

Option 2

- Schizophrenia
- Eating behaviour
- Stress

Option 3

- Aggression
- Forensic psychology
- Addiction

Student Profile

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Other subjects studied:
Sociology

"I love Psychology and its application to everything I do and the relationships I have. Without the great teaching and support at Claremont I would not be where I am today, I miss it!"

