



A Level Psychology

What you will learn:

The A Level Psychology course enables you to learn about:

Social Influence – conformity and obedience. Memory – how memory works and eye witness testimony. Attachment – formation of attachment and early attachment.

Approaches in Psychology – conditioning, social learning, cognitive and biological approaches. Psychopathology – abnormality explanations and treatments.

Research Methods – research, designs and investigations.

Biopsychology – biological rhythms, the brain and the nervous system.

Issues and Debates – free will, determinism, nature-nurture debate, holism, reductionism, gender and culture bias, ethical implications and social sensitivity in undertaking research.

Gender – explanations of gender development including atypical gender development.

Schizophrenia – symptoms, explanations, and treatments.

Addiction – risk factors, explanations for addiction and treatments.

Elements of the course:

Throughout the two year course you will have the opportunity to engage in studying and evaluating psychological theories and research by means of group and independent activities, teacher-led sessions, compiling research and undertaking presentations.

Where could it take me?

Students who have previously have studied A Level Psychology at Callington Community College have gone on to study Psychology at degree level either single or Combined Honours with other subjects and they now work as Clinical Psychologists, Counselling Psychologists, Optometrists, Paramedics, Doctors, Solicitors, Nurses, Midwives, Primary and Secondary Teachers, Prison Officers, Zoologists, Anthropologists, Journalists, Police Officers, Archaeologists, Sports Scientists, Social Workers, Physiotherapists, Youth Workers, Nursery staff, Recruitment Specialists, Drama and Art Therapists and Speech Therapists.

Assessment:

The assessment for this course is 100% examination at the end of the two years.

Entry Requirements

Minimum Required:

Standard Sixth Form entry requirements

Preferred Requirements:

Grade 5 or above in GCSE English Language, Maths and Additional Science.

Special Requirements:

A curiosity and desire to learn and gain fascinating insights into human behaviour and the mind.