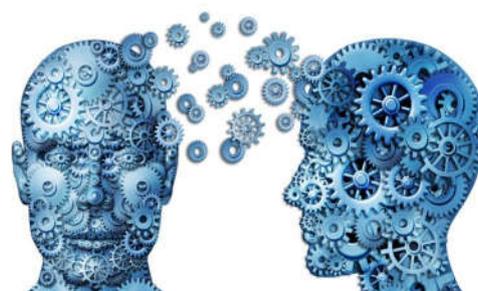


Psychology



Title of course: GCSE Psychology (AQA)

Qualification/Level at the end of the course: GCSE

Course description: the course is made up of two units: Cognition and Behaviour and Social Context and Behaviour. Both units are assessed with a 1 hour 45 minute exam. These two exams will be sat at the very end of the course, with each contributing 50% of the final GCSE grade. There is no coursework for GCSE Psychology but you will be required to complete a number of short investigations throughout the course. These will be internally assessed and will help you to develop the necessary skills needed to succeed in the two written exams. The following topics are covered:

Unit 1: Cognition and Behaviour

- Memory
- Perception
- Development
- Research methods

Unit 2: Social Context and Behaviour

- Social influence
- Language, thought and communication
- Brain and neuropsychology
- Psychological problems

Skills required: Psychology is the subject for you if you are strong in English, Maths and Science and you enjoy looking into the many reasons why individuals behave the way they do. Psychology will help you to develop your evaluative and interpretive skills as well as giving you an awareness of the many applications and implications of Psychology in everyday life. A genuine interest in conducting scientific research would also help you if you want to study Psychology.

Students should be working at a minimum projected grade 5 in English, Maths and Science to access this course.

Assessment:

Unit 1:

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE
- Multiple choice questions, short answer and extended writing

Unit 2:

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE
- Multiple choice questions, short answer and extended writing

Equipment : it is strongly recommended that students purchase the AQA textbook that supports this course.

Future opportunities: studying Psychology allows you to develop communication skills and your independent research ability; it provides a solid foundation for a wide variety of career opportunities. It is relevant to any career which involves interpersonal skills. If you decide to pursue a career directly related to the psychology field, options available include Forensic/Criminal Psychologist, Health Psychologist, Educational Psychologist, Clinical Psychologist, Counselling Psychologist and Child Psychologist.