



Psychology

Overview

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour.

Psychology A-level is a multifaceted discipline and includes many sub-fields of study, including; evolution, interpersonal interactions, cognition, human development and neurobiology.

The Psychology programme at Woodrush is a good introduction to Psychology and will give you a broad insight into the different theories of how human behaviour is shaped.

Assessment

Psychology A-Level is a two-year course of study ending with three 2-hour examinations. Exams are comprised of a variety of multiple choice, short answer and extended writing questions. Each paper is worth 33.3% of the total marks.

Paper 1 looks at Introductory Topics in Psychology. These include Memory, Social Influence, Attachment and Psychopathology.

Paper 2 examines Psychology in Context. This exam includes units on Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research methods

Paper 3 is the Issues and Options Paper. At Woodrush pupils will be taught content on Relationships, Aggression and Stress.

Requirements

Psychology requires students to have strong literacy skills and some numeracy ability. As a result, a Grade 6 in English and a grade 5 in Maths, is advisable. Students would also benefit from having good grades in Science or History.

Exam Board



More details on the specification studied at Woodrush can be found via this link:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

Progression and Career Opportunities

Students who study A-Level Psychology typically go on to study at degree level at university. The subject develops a wide range of skills, essay writing, critical thinking, research expertise, which are essential for success in undergraduate study. Aside from university, Psychology offers students beneficial experience and a route into a variety of careers, such forensic; criminology, law, nursing, teaching, human resources or marketing.

“I chose to study Psychology as I have always had an interest in Freud, having encountered his work in other subjects. Many of the modules like aggression are applicable to real life, making you aware to why people may behave in a certain way. I would recommend Psychology due to the interesting insights you gain; I have thoroughly enjoyed studying it.” Etta