

PSYCHOLOGY

Curriculum Map:

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Key Stage 5

Subject	Psychology
Qualification	A Level
Exam Board	AQA
Course Leader	Miss Wright
Course summary	Psychology is the scientific study of thought and behaviour in which we encourage learners to question how they see the world. In A level Psychology, learners get the chance to understand, apply and critically evaluate psychological theories and research. After A Level, learners can choose to study Psychology or a related subject at university (such as Criminology). Psychology has many applications in the world of work including in fields such as education, health, sport, counselling, policing, and business.
What will students learn?	Memory, Attachment, Social Influence, Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Psychopathology, Research Methods Students will build upon their understanding of Research Methods. In addition, we cover Issues and Debates in Psychology, and option topics. This will include three from Cognition & Development, Relationships, Criminal psychology, Schizophrenia, Eating behaviours and Addiction
How will students be assessed?	<p>The A level course is assessed via terminal examination; there is no coursework and there are no controlled assessments. You will learn about the research process and may get the opportunity to undertake some practical work of your own. In each of the three papers there will be questions that assess your knowledge and understanding of practical Psychology.</p> <p>There are three 2-hour examination papers which are sat at the end of the second year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper One examines Memory, Attachment, Social Influence and Psychopathology. • Paper Two examines Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods. • Paper Three examines Issues and Debates in Psychology, plus the three option topics <p>Learners are formally assessed using exam style questions in lessons. They also undertake practice examinations at several points over the two-year course.</p>

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

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Key Stage 5

Subject	Applied Psychology
Qualification	BTEC National Extended Certificate
Exam Board	Pearson
Course Leader	Miss Wright
Course summary	Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. In this engaging course, students gain a broad grounding in aspects of theoretical psychology in addition to applying their knowledge to issues of relevance in contemporary society. They also develop their research skills by engaging in psychological research of their own.
What will students learn?	<p>Unit 1: Psychological Approaches and Applications: Approaches (Learning, Social, Cognitive and Biological). Contemporary topics (aggression, gender, consumer behaviour).</p> <p>Unit 2: Conducting Psychological Research: Principles of research and the research process, research methods, research proposals, conducting and reviewing a pilot study.</p> <p>Unit 3: Health Psychology: Definitions of health and ill health, research into health-related behaviour (theories and studies), stress, physiological (nicotine, alcohol), behavioural addiction (gambling, shopping), behavioural change (theories of persuasion, treatments, adherence).</p> <p>Unit 4/5/6/7 (one further unit) from: Criminal and Forensic Psychology, Promoting Children's Psychological Development, Introduction to Psychopathology, Applied Sport Psychology</p>
How will students be assessed?	<p>The course is assessed via formal examinations and ongoing assessment:</p> <p>In year 12: unit 1 is examined externally (this exam can be retaken) and unit 2 is assessed via three assignments.</p> <p>In year 13: unit 3 is examined externally and the optional unit is assessed via a number of assignments. At Wrenn the optional unit has traditionally been criminal and forensic psychology.</p> <p>Questions in examinations require application to scenarios and ask for a combination of short, and medium length and essays. Outcomes can be Distinction *, Distinction, Merit or Pass. The course has parity with traditional</p>

	A levels; for instance, a D*in Applied Psychology is equivalent in terms of UCAS points / offers to an A* at A level.
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