

Sixth Form Subject Information

Applied Psychology



Qualification	BTEC National L3 Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology	
Exam Board	BTEC (Pearson)	
Course Leaders	Mrs C White & Mrs K Fusco	
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 design.	
What will students learn?	Year 12 Content	<p>Unit 1: Psychological Approaches and Applications: Approaches (Learning, Social, Cognitive and Biological). Issues of contemporary importance (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>
	Year 13 Content	<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 a combination of 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.</p> <p>Questions in examinations require application to scenarios and ask for a combination of short and medium lengths answers, and also essays. Outcomes can be Distinction *, Distinction, Merit or Pass. UCAS offers are made based on projected outcome since the course has parity with traditional A levels.</p>	
Resources	A course-specific electronic text book, in-house resources and past examination papers will be made available to learners.	

