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Hillcrest Sixth Form

Psychology



What does studying Psychology involve?

Psychology is the study of people behavior and mind. It has recently been reclassified as a science subject and this is reflected in the A level curriculum. There are opportunities to study the classics of psychology whilst also introducing ongoing debates and topics which continue to fascinate. Students choose Psychology because they want to improve their own and other people's lives. When you pursue a career in psychology you will be helping people in many different ways. In fact there are few professions that do not in one way or another rely on psychological knowledge.

What skills will I develop?

Psychology is a rigorous, academic subject requiring good skills in English, Maths and Science. For every theory in psychology there are about 10 opposing theories. Therefore it is a subject which requires good critical thinking skills and evaluative skills You'll develop a range of practical, intellectual, research and transferable skills including psychological research methods, group working, communication, critical thinking and problem solving. You'll also gain the skills to source, use and interpret information, design experiments and use related software.

What subjects complement Psychology?

This specification provides a basis for the study of Psychology and related subjects, including work in the health and care sectors, sports management, media, law and business studies. Examples of related A level subjects include Sociology, Health Studies, Finance, Law and Sports studies.

Where will the subject take me?

The most popular employment destinations for Psychologists were: Professional and technical occupations 38.7%, Administrative and secretarial occupations 20.8%, Personal and criminal justice occupations 15.9% , Sales and customer service occupations 11.6%, Managerial and senior officials 7.4%

Course content and assessment:

Component 1

Psychology Past and Present (33.3%)

Written examination 2 hour 15 minutes

(Compulsory questions relating to 5 psychological approaches, therapies and classic pieces of research evidence)

Component 2

Investigating Behaviour (33.3%)

Written examination 2 hours 15 minutes

Principles of research; Personal investigations; Application of research methods.

Component 3

Implications in the real world (33%)

Written examination: 2 hours 15 minutes

Applications and controversies.

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