

PSYCHOLOGY

Exam Board: Edexcel



ASPIRE TO EXCELLENCE

Course Content

Year 1: (All topics include research methods.)

- Social psychology including obedience, prejudice and discrimination.
- Cognitive psychology including the structure and function of memory.
- Biological psychology including the structure and function of the brain.
- Learning theories including the role of conditioning in phobias and eating disorders.

Year 2: (skills including research and debates)

- One compulsory topic of Clinical psychology.
- A choice of one topic from Criminological psychology, Health psychology or Child psychology.

Assessment

Paper 1 (2 hours) Social, cognitive, biological and learning theories.

Paper 2 (2 hours) Contains clinical and one topic from criminological, child or health psychology.

Paper 3 (2 hours) Contains methodology, review of studies and issues and debates in psychology.

Career Opportunities

The study of psychology provides a useful foundation for further study at degree level. It is highly regarded by universities and employers because it develops skills of critical analysis. Psychology is particularly useful for careers such as Social work, Law, Teaching, Business, Marketing, Public services, Nursing and other health-related careers.

Suggested Reading

Freud for Beginners by Richard Appignanesi and Oscar Zarate

Introducing Psychology: A Graphic Guide to Your Mind and Behaviour by Nigel Benson

Mindwatching: Why We Behave the Way We Do by H.J. Eysenck and Michael W. Eysenck

Psychology: A Very Short Introduction by Gillian Butler and Freda McManus

Psychology of Mind, Science and Behaviour by R Gross (5th edition)