

PSYCHOLOGY

WHAT TYPE OF SUBJECT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

Psychology provides opportunities for students to engage with concepts that explain behaviours and underlying cognitions.

Students examine individual development in the form of the role of the brain, cognitive development, human consciousness, and sleep. They investigate the concept of intelligence; the process of diagnosis and how to classify psychological disorder and determine an effective treatment; and the contribution of emotion and motivation on individual behaviour. They examine individual thinking and how it is determined by the brain, including perception, memory, and learning. They consider the influence of others by examining theories of social psychology, interpersonal processes, attitudes and cross-cultural psychology.

Students learn and apply aspects of the knowledge and skill of the discipline (thinking, experimentation, problem-solving and research skills), understand how it works and how it may impact society.

PATHWAYS

A course of study in Psychology can establish a basis for further education and employment in the fields of psychology, sales, human resourcing, training, social work, health, law, business, marketing and education.

OBJECTIVES

By the conclusion of the course of study, students will:

- describe and explain scientific concepts, theories, models and systems and their limitations
- apply understanding of scientific concepts, theories, models and systems within their limitations
- analyse evidence
- interpret evidence
- investigate phenomena
- evaluate processes, claims, and conclusions
- communicate understandings, findings, arguments, and conclusions.

STRUCTURE

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Individual Development	Individual Behaviour	Individual Thinking	The Influence of Others
Psychological Science A The Role of the Brain Cognitive Development Human Consciousness & Sleep	Psychological Science B Intelligence Diagnosis Psychological Disorders & Treatments Emotion & Motivation	Localisation of Function in the Brain Visual Perception Memory Learning	Social Psychology Interpersonal Processes Attitudes Cross-Cultural Psychology

ASSESSMENT

In Units 1 and 2, all assessment is formative. However, the assessment in Units 1 and 2 will model that which students will encounter in Units 3 and 4. In Units 3 and 4 students complete four summative assessments. The results from each of the assessments are added together to provide a subject score out of 100. Students will also receive an overall subject result (A – E).

Unit 3		Unit 4	
Summative Internal Assessment 1 (IA1): Data Test	10%	Summative Internal Assessment 3 (IA3): Research Investigation	20%
Summative Internal Assessment 2 (IA2): Student Experiment	20%	Summative External Assessment (EA): Examination	50%