



HECKMONDWIKE
GRAMMAR SIXTH FORM

Psychology

Exam Board: AQA

You will develop a wide range of transferable skills, including: critical thinking; mathematical skills; problem solving; teamwork; written and verbal communication including presentation and report writing; and interpersonal skills; all of which are highly regarded by universities and employers alike.

Psychology

Career Opportunities

Psychology students can go into a vast array of careers which are both directly and indirectly related to this subject. Typical fields include: Clinical Psychology; Counselling; Educational Psychology; Forensic Psychology; Mental Health Work; Teaching; Health Psychology; Occupational Psychology; Sports Psychology; Policing; Sales and Marketing; Business and Management; Politics; Psychotherapy; Medicine; Healthcare; Dentistry and many more.

Course Content

YEAR 12

Approaches in Psychology

In this section you will study the different ways in which Psychologists attempt to explain behaviour.

Research Methods

You will study the methods Psychologists use to investigate behaviour.

Social Influence

You will look at the effect of other people on our behaviour.

Memory

You will study the way our mind stores information, and why we forget things.

Psychopathology

You will consider what it means to be abnormal as well as explanations and treatments for mental disorders.

Attachment

You will discover how and why attachment is so important for our development and the effect it has on our behaviour.

Course Content

YEAR 13

Issues and Debates in Psychology

You will discover the problems and considerations that affect all psychological study.

Research Methods

You will build on your knowledge of psychological investigations learned in year 12.

Aggression

This topic looks at the explanations for aggressive behaviour from a range of approaches and contexts.

Biopsychology

You will discover the effects of our biology on our behaviour, including the nervous and endocrine system, and the structure and function of the brain.

Schizophrenia

You will learn about the symptoms, classification and diagnosis, explanations and treatments for this disorder.

Cognition and Development

You will study the ways in which mental processes e.g. thinking, language, memory and perception change throughout the human life span, with a particular focus on the early years.

Assessment

Paper 1

Introductory Topics in Psychology

2hr written exam on Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology.

96 marks (33.3% of total A level)

Paper 2

Psychology in Context

2hr written exam on Approaches, Biopsychology, Research Methods.

96 marks (33.3% of total A level)

Paper 3

Issues and Options in Psychology

2hr written exam on Issues and Debates, Aggression, Schizophrenia, Cognition and Development.

96 marks (33.3% of total A level)

Extended Learning

- Visiting speakers from the field of neuroscience
- Links with Huddersfield University
- HE+ Extension Activities
- Independent Research project.