

PSYCHOLOGY AT SSFC

Why study Psychology?

Studying Psychology can open your eyes to understanding human behaviour (although we can't promise it will give you the answer to life, the universe and everything!) Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour – we are trying to explain why people think, feel and behave in the way that they do. There isn't just one answer to this question, as human behaviour is rather complex, so studying Psychology at A Level is about considering a range of possible influences on behaviour – for example, biology, the influence of the environment, thoughts, and even the unconscious mind. When we understand WHY we can also begin to explore WHAT we might need to do to help people change their behaviour.

At SSFC Psychology is one of the most popular subjects. Former Psychology students say that it is an extremely interesting, challenging and enjoyable subject to study. Human's however can be complicated, and they also emphasise that despite being fun, there is a lot to learn, and the subject requires commitment and hard work. Psychology can also equip you with a broad skill set, including research skills, report writing, essay writing numerical and communication skills ... as well as an understanding of human behaviour.

Course Overview

We follow the EDUQAS specification, and the course is a Linear A Level with 3 exams at the end of 2 years.

Component 1: Psychology Past to Present: An exploration of major psychological approaches to understanding behaviour

Component 2: Investigating Behaviour: Research methods used by psychologists

Component 3: Implications in the real world: Topics include Stress, Schizophrenia and Addiction.

Careers

Many of our students go on to study Psychology at degree level leading to careers in clinical, educational and sport psychology. The study of Psychology is also relevant for a wide variety of careers including Social Work; Health Services; Teaching; Advertising; Criminology; Counselling and virtually any job involving people (or animals!)

What subjects go well with Psychology?

Psychology, goes well with any subject, including science-based subject such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology or Applied Science, as well as subjects such as Sociology, Health & Social Care, Criminology, Business Studies and Law.

Entry requirements

As Psychology is a science and essay-based subject, we require you to have a grade 5 or above in Maths and English

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