Psychology - A Level

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Course Outline:

Year 12 Psychology follows a broad syllabus to introduce you to the subject. This includes the study of Cognitive Psychology (memory), Developmental Psychology (early social development of children), Social Psychology (conformity and obedience), Individual Differences (abnormality), Psychological Approaches and research methods.

Year 13 Psychology : This builds upon the knowledge base of AS (studied by all students in Year 12) when a choice of topics can be studied (e.g. biological rhythms and sleep, relationships and aggression). This includes the further study of mental disorder and research methods with an exciting new section of Psychology in Action (including the study of Schizophrenia).

Skills/Aptitudes Developed/Required:

Writing - You will need to be able to analyse a wide variety of materials including written texts, research studies and articles. You also need to be able to write in a fluent and concise style, therefore it is required to have grade 5+ in both English subjects.

Science/Maths – To study for the two year A Level, you must be competent at Science and Mathematics. Therefore you are required to have a grade 5/6 in Double Science or grade 5,5,6 in Triple Science (with a 6 in Biology). You will need at least a grade 4 in Maths to cope with the mathematical component of the exam, and two grade 5s in English Language and English Literature.

Good Communication Skills - to express yourself verbally and in writing.

Additional Considerations:

You should be interested in understanding peoples' behaviour and also the scientific enquiry of such.

Progression Post-18

Higher Education degree in Psychology, related medical and social science programmes, business studies, teaching, media, sports psychology/ science, BTEC Higher National Certificate/ Diploma in Counselling/Health and Care.

Direct employment such as in caring professions, occupational and media sectors. Progression on to next level of vocational qualifications, especially into care, sports, management and media sectors.

Qualification: A Level **Coursework**: 0% **Examination:** 100% **Examination Board:** AQA