Psychology

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Key topics covered

The following units are studied as part of Psychology A-Level:

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods
- Issues and Debates in Psychology
- Relationships
- Schizophrenia
- Aggression

Recommended Textbook and/or resources

The following website is extremely useful in supporting your progress in Psychology:

https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology

https://www.youtube.com/@PsychBoost

However, there will be no requirement to buy any resources for this course, we provide any textbook, knowledge books or revision guides you may need.

Why Study the Subject/what students Like about it

Our Psychology A-level results are in the top 20% of the country.

Are you curious about how the human mind works? Do you want to know the science behind human behaviour?

If the answer to both those questions is 'yes,' then you may want to consider studying Psychology. Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. The subject is an applied science, which involves diagnosing issues with general principles, backed by case studies and research. *"In Psychology I have felt genuinely supported by staff to be successful in the subject. At the beginning of the course I never thought that this would take me into a career where I am doing Psychology every day, but with the help and guidance of my teachers I am now doing something I love" (Former Y13 Student at Hellesdon Sixth Form)*

Opportunities outside the classroom

Students have the opportunity to engage in a primary research project of their choosing to support their own understanding of Psychologists work. This gives students the opportunity to engage in a wider knowledge base beyond the exam specification.

In Y13 students are given the opportunity to encounter an expert in neuroscience and genetics, Dr Sutton focuses his sessions on brain biology, including contemporary research on a range of fascinating issues, such as the effects of drugs on the brain, mental illness and crime, all of which are related to the A level Psychology specifications that our students are currently studying.

The Social Sciences Department has strong links with the UEA and students have the opportunity to engage with professionals, alumni and current students in exploring the subject and its future pathways.

Future progression/career routes

Students who have studied Psychology at Hellesdon have gone into a variety of career, many of them surrounding roles working with people. This has included careers in Leadership and Management, Education, Public Sector Work, Health and Social Care, Marketing, Public Relations and Medicine. Many who have studied the course have also inspired to stay in an academic environment researching aspects of Psychology for the remainder of their careers.

