

Introduction to GCSE Psychology

Why study Psychology?

What makes people behave the way they do? How do people function physically and mentally? If you are interested in finding out the answers to questions like these, then choose to study Psychology. Psychology will help you to understand the different views and explanations which have been put forward to answer these questions. Psychology is a subject relevant to everyone's daily life, which is why it has become so popular with students.

GCSE Psychology is a good foundation for study of the subject at A/AS Level and beyond. It is also a subject which would be useful in most careers.

You will study twelve topics which include:

- * Memory;
- * Stress;
- * Attitudes of prejudice;
- * Phobias;
- * Environment and behaviour;
- * Social influence.

You will learn the following skills:

- * How to take a questioning approach to psychological research;
- * How to carry out your own research;
- * How to communicate and apply your own psychological knowledge.

Strategies include:

- * Looking at research which has been carried out by psychologists.

Assessment:

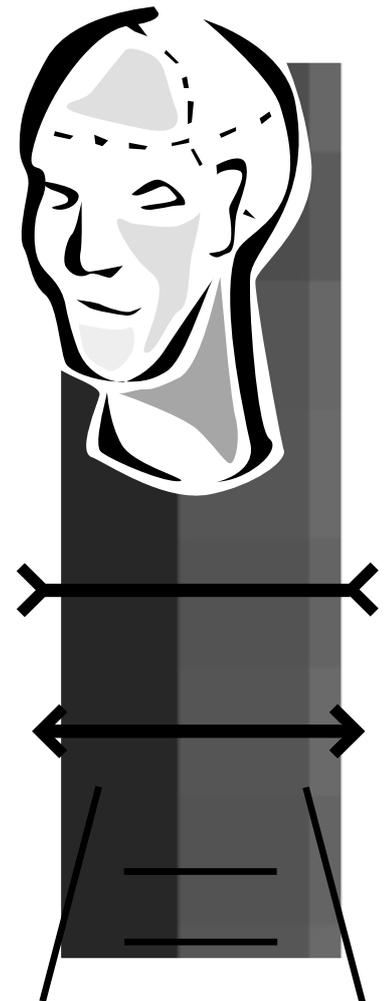
There is a choice between two levels of entry for this examination: Foundation and Higher. At Foundation level (Papers 1 and 2) the grades available are G to C and at Higher level (Papers 3 and 4) the grades available are D-A*.

Coursework

You will carry out one psychological investigation of your own, related to the course. You will write up a summary and your conclusion using up to 1500 words.

Examination

There are two examination papers, each lasting 1 hour 15 minutes. You will need to give answers to all the questions on both papers. All the questions begin with a source related to a topic area, which could be written, a graph or a table. The questions will be divided into several parts.



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