



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Psychology

Specification AQA

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English and Mathematics GCSE.

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You do not need to have studied Psychology at GCSE in order to take an A Level course in the subject. It is more important that you should have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in the human mind and in asking questions, a desire to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

What will I learn on this course?

- Key issues and debates in Psychology.
- The Psychological Research Process.
- Real-world application of psychological studies.
- Psychological approaches.
- Topics in Psychology.

How is the course structured?

Unit	Title	Weighting	Assessment Type
1	Introductory Topics in Psychology (Memory, Attachment, Social Influence, Psychopathology)	33%	Exam
2	Psychology in Context (Approaches, Bio-Psychology, Research Methods)	33%	Exam
3	Issues and Options in Psychology (Issues and Debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia, Forensics)	33%	Exam

What skills will I develop by doing this course?

This course will enable you to develop some key skills, which will be essential to you whatever you go on to do afterwards. The key skills you can develop during this course are

- Knowledge and Understanding
- Application
- Analysis
- Statistical Data
- Evaluation
- Communication
- Team Work
- Debating
- Extended writing

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

The course will appeal to students who

- Have an interest in the workings of the human mind.
- Enjoy debates about how we became the person that we are
- Are interested in understanding human behaviour

- Are keen to apply their knowledge to a real-world scenario
- Are interested in undertaking psychological research

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

Students with A Level Psychology have access to a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. These may include but are not limited to

- Psychotherapy
- Sports Psychology
- Teaching
- Educational Psychology
- Marketing and Advertising
- Forensic Psychology