



Aldercar High School

Post-16

Psychology



Subject Information

Psychology A level will give you an opportunity to study the mind and behaviour, to develop an understanding of how humans behave and develop your analytical skills. Psychology is a fascinating subject which works well in any subject combination, It draws on skills from across the curriculum, especially the sciences, English and humanities to explain why we do what we do.

Possible Career Options

Studying A-level Psychology at Alder-car enables you to access degrees at University that give you all sorts of exciting career options, including:

- Doctor
- Clinical Psychologist
- Lawyer
- Pharmacist
- Educational Psychologist
- Teacher
- Criminologist
- Counsellor



Subjects to Study Alongside Psychology

Psychology will support your study in many other subjects, especially sport, biology, humanities and health and social care.

Entry Requirements

A level psychology is a new subject and as such the entry requirements are not specific. However to succeed at this subject you need to have a good standard of English and to have passed maths and science. It is also helpful if you have done history or geography although this is not essential.

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Topics covered

A level psychology consists of core and optional modules spread over the two years.

In year 1 we study memory, social influence—the study of how our behaviour is influenced by others, attachment—how and why babies attach to caregivers, psychopathology—looking at OCD, depression, and anxiety, approaches—looking at how different psychological approaches can be used to explain different behaviours and research methods—how psychologists do what they do.

In year 2 we study relationships, - looking at how and why we form and maintain relationships schizophrenia, aggression, issues and debates—looking at things such as nature vs nurture and biopsychology—the study of brain structure, function and problems..



Conferences

We aim to take psychology students to at least 1 conference over the 2 years. This allows students to hear speakers from across the field of psychology deliver talks in their own specific area. Very often these are run by the people who write the books and do the studies we learn and so are really useful.

Exams

There is no coursework on this course. There are 3 2 hour exams at the end of the course each testing different units. All three assessment objectives are tested on each paper (recall, application and analysis/evaluation)

To support this, students also have end of unit and end of year exams as well as exams skills lessons and workshops.

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