

Psychology

"Don't become a mere recorder of facts, but try to penetrate the mystery of their origin." Ivan Pavlov

Psychology is an option choice for GCSE at The Hollins using the OCR specification. Students learn the key theories behind 10 areas of human behaviour; explore studies that support these theories; analyse the theories and studies and conduct their own research. We explore possible answers to the following questions:

1. What makes us the gender we are?
2. Why do people have phobias?
3. Why do people obey orders?
4. What makes someone a criminal?
5. Where does our non-verbal communication come from?
6. How do infants form attachments?
7. How does our memory work?
8. Why is perception different from sensing?
9. How do children develop?
10. What helps to improve our self-esteem?

These are studied through interactive and exciting lessons throughout years 10 and 11. Pupils get the chance to plan and conduct their own psychological experiments in year 11 as part of their Research Methods unit.

The course is assessed through 100% examination, there are three exams at the end of year 11:
B541 - Studies and Applications in Psychology 1 (1 hour 15 minutes)
B542 - Studies and Applications in Psychology 2 (1 hour 15 minutes)
B543 - Research in Psychology (1 hour)

Psychology enables pupils to explore the reasons behind human behaviour, they develop key skills such as presentation skills, written communication, evaluation, comprehension and it also helps to develop their overall confidence.

Specification: <http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/72011-specification.pdf>

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Examination Board: OCR

Qualification: GCSE

Assessment: 100% Examination
(3 written exams in the summer of year 11).

Course Content & Skills: **What is the course about?**

Psychology is the study of behaviour - it seeks to answer how and why people behave in the way they do. 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 pupils.

You will study ten topics which include the following:

- How your memory works
- Sex and gender-why are you male or female?
- Why do people have phobias?
- How does advertising work?
- Is criminal behaviour caused by your genes?
- Why do people obey others?
- How do children learn?

You will learn the following skills:

- How to take a questioning approach to psychological research
- How to carry out your own research
- How to apply your own psychological knowledge

The course requires a good understanding of both science and English. However, the most important requirements are an enquiring mind; the ability to critically evaluate research findings and an excellent work ethic!

Post-16:

Useful for:-

- Education
- Social work
- Criminal justice
- Health and recreation

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Option Choice:

Single