Maelor Sixth



Psychology
WJEC A Level

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Introduction

A Level Psychology investigates the nature of psychology and psychological enquiry. There are opportunities to explore psychological controversies and debates and consider the ethical issues and implications of psychological endeavours. The emphasis is on applying knowledge and understanding, thereby developing a student's transferable skills in analysis, evaluation, and critical thinking.

The Course

Year One

Unit 1 - Psychology: Past to Present
- Five psychological approaches will be explored, biological, psycho-dynamic, behaviourist, cognitive and positive

Unit 2 - Psychology: Using Psychological Concepts
- Contemporary debate
- Principles of Research

Year Two

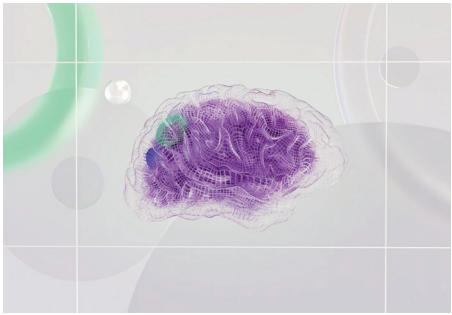
Unit 3 - Implications for the Real Word
- The Study of Behaviours
- Controversies

Unit 4 - Applied research Methods
- Personal Investigations
- Application of research methods to novel scenarios

Assessment

AS - Year 12
Two written examinations in the summer term of Year 12, both worth 20% of the full A Level grade.

A Level - Year 13
Two written examination in the summer term of Year 13, one worth 20% and the other 40% of the full A Level grade.



Entry Requirement

- GCSE grade B/6 in English
- GCSE grade C/4 in Maths due to the numerical content
- GCSE grade C/4 or above in Biology is preferable

Further Information

To study Psychology, students should have an interest in the world and how individuals operate in that world. Literacy levels and good analytical skills are the key to understanding the concepts and theories. For students who decide to work in a non-psychology related field, the skills and knowledge that you develop studying Psychology will be helpful.



Links to Future Careers

The entry requirements for Psychology degree courses vary from one institution to another but studying Psychology at A Level is useful preparation. The study of Psychology would also be beneficial for the following career pathways:

- Clinical Psychologist
- Forensic Psychology
- Psychology in the NHS
- Teaching
- Human Resources
- Sports Psychology
- Manufacturing
- Advertising
- Marketing
- Social Worker
- Careers Advisor
- Child Minder
- Communication Support

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