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Course Overview:

This specification is designed to encourage candidates to:

- Psychology questions the way we think about our world and behaviour: Are you ready to question the way we behave?
- Psychology is a science and therefore you will need to study research and evidence objectively, you even develop the knowledge to carry out your own research!
- a great subject for those wanting to work in Healthcare professions, teaching, law and business.
- Learn about the fascinating tendencies of human behaviour, with options looking into schizophrenia, gender, and the criminal mind

Areas of Study:

Students will learn about:

- Social Influence – social norms and why we conform and obey
- Attachment – How attachment with our parents influences development
- Psychopathology – diagnosis and treatment of phobias, depression and OCD
- Biopsychology – How does the systems in our body affect our behaviour?
- Memory – what is happening in the brain that allows us to remember and forget?
- Forensic Psychology – causes of crime and how we can rehabilitate criminals
- Gender – how does gender typically affect our behaviour?
- Schizophrenia - addressing the misconceptions behind this condition

Course Requirements:

Grade 4 in GCSE English Language, Mathematics and Science.

Where can this course take me?

Psychology will give you several transferable skills such as analytical thinking and critical reasoning, planning and conducting scientific investigations, as well as analysing and interpreting data. It will also teach you more about the way people think, and an understanding of the human mind is useful in several careers.

An A-Level in Psychology can lead to careers in Marketing, Human Resources, Forensic Psychology, Occupational Therapy, Clinical Psychology, Nursing, Teaching, and many more.

The top seven-degree courses taken by students with an A-Level in Psychology are: Psychology, English Studies, Sociology, Business Studies, Teaching, Sport and Exercise Science, and Law.