

## Subject: PSYCHOLOGY A LEVEL (AQA)

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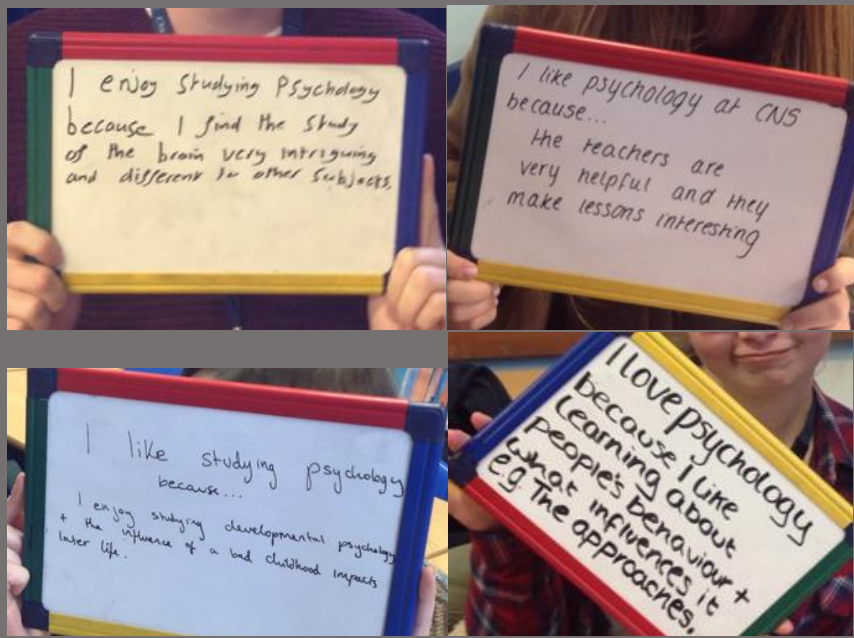
### This course covers the following key topics:

- Research Methods and the Scientific Process
- Issues and debates to consider when studying human behaviour such as social sensitivity, gender bias and the nature-nurture debate.
- Approaches to explaining and influencing human behaviour
- Topics such as memory, mental illness, conformity & obedience, childhood attachments and cognitive development, forensic psychology and the brain.

### We love teaching this course because

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour. It considers behaviour from many perspectives: Is our behaviour learned? Is it biologically programmed into our genes? Is it the result of the way we think or our childhood experiences? How can we find out? Psychologists use a variety of methods to research answers to these and many more questions to make a difference to all aspects of our everyday lives. We love Psychology because it helps us to better understand and help the people in the world around us and we love teaching Psychology because it allows us to stay up to date with ground breaking research in the world of Psychology as well as to show students the classic studies in the history of the subject.

### Our students say:



### What future pathways are open to me if I study Psychology?

Psychology is relevant to many occupations involving interactions with others'. Psychology prepares students for employment in a variety of areas including mental health, human resources, education, research, and law enforcement. Some careers: Market researcher; Advertising; Public relations; Forensic Psychologist; Psychotherapist; Clinical Psychologist; Sports Psychologist; Educational Psychologist; Teacher; Researcher; Recruitment consultant; Human Factors Psychologist and many more!

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### Recommended Textbooks:

- AQA Psychology for A Level Year 1 by Flanagan and Berry
- AQA Psychology for A Level Year 2 by Flanagan and Berry

### If you love Psychology, we really recommend you read:

- 1) Opening Skinners Box by Lauren Slater
- 2) The Brain That Changes Itself by Norman Doidge
- 3) The Dark Side of the Mind by Kerry Daynes
- 4) Henry's Demons by Patrick and Henry Cockburn

