

# GCSE PSYCHOLOGY

## GCSE Psychology (OCR)

### Course Content

Psychology is the scientific study of mental processes and behaviour.

Psychologists attempt to answer questions such as: Why do people act in a certain way when in groups? Why are some people more obedient to authority figures than others? What makes an individual 'male' or 'female'; what is the difference between sex and gender? What are the best techniques for remembering? How can you apply this to revision techniques?

In order to answer such questions, psychologists are always conducting research. You will be given the opportunity to conduct many research studies where you will develop your skills in terms of writing hypotheses, creating field/lab studies and evaluating your studies (looking at the advantages and disadvantages of your research).

Topics that you will cover include:

Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology, Individual Differences, Research in Psychology.

How will I be assessed?

During the course: - In class tests - Quizzes - Presentations - Research projects (to better understand how you can apply the content learnt in class) - Short and long answer questions

At the end of the course:

Unit 1 B541: Studies and Applications in Psychology 1 (exam), 80 marks, 1hr 15 mins, 40%

Unit 2 B542: Studies and Applications in Psychology 2 (exam), 80 marks, 1 hr 15mins – 40%

Unit B543: Research in Psychology (exam), 1hr, 20%

There are no coursework requirements for GCSE Psychology