

# PSYCHOLOGY

## COURSE DETAILS

Qualification: OCR GCSE Psychology

Website: [GCSE - Psychology \(9-1\) - J203 \(from 2017\) - OCR](#)

### COURSE CONTENT:

This course is the study of the human mind and behaviour. We keep asking the question 'why do people do the things they do?' There is not a definite answer to this question as different psychologists have different points of view. This is why looking at evidence (from studies) is an important part of Psychology too.

There are six main topics:

- Criminal Behaviour – are criminals born or made and how should criminals be punished in society.
- Development – how does a child's mind develop over time.
- Psychological Disorders – how is mental health defined and how do disorders such as schizophrenia and depression develop.
- Social Influence – why does society obey authority figures and what causes pro and anti-social behaviour.
- Memory – what causes our brain to remember information and how is information forgotten.
- Sleep and Dreaming – what are the functions of sleep and why do we dream.

There is a topic on research methods and within all of the topics, you'll also carry out your own investigations. Neuropsychology (study of the brain) features in all of the topics too.

### ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS

For this GCSE, there are two examination units – each worth 50% of the final grade.

- Both exams are 1hr 30min long. They include multiple choice questions, source questions, a range of low and high mark questions, and one essay on each unit.

### HOMEWORK

Homework is viewed as an essential part of the course in helping to reinforce and develop knowledge and understanding and therefore will be set on a regular basis.

Homework set may involve:

- Written work
- Research activities
- Case studies
- Reading
- Learning key psychological terminology
- Watching psychology related programmes including the news

### What careers and University courses can Psychology lead to?

Psychology could lead to academic or vocational degrees relating to Clinical Psychologist, Counselling Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Sport and Exercise Psychologist and careers such as Police Officer, Prison Officer, Human Resources Officer, Social Worker, Counsellor and Teacher.

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