Psychology
A Level

AWARDING BODY | AQA | SPECIFICATION CODE | 7181/7182
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ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
- 5 GCSE's/Level 2s including GCSE English Language and GCSE Mathematics at Grades 9-4
- Grade 5 in GCSE English Language and 5 in GCSE Maths
- 6 in Psychology desirable if studied at GCSE

ABOUT THIS COURSE
Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. It is all about how and why people think, feel and behave in the way that they do. You will learn about a variety of different topics, including psychopathology (mental illness), biopsychology, attachment, research methods, memory, eating behaviour, cognitive development and addiction. You will discover the scientific process of conducting psychological investigations and have the opportunity to carry out your own psychological research. The AS level consists of two examination papers and the A Level consists of three examination papers. At least 10% of the marks in assessment will require the use of mathematical skills. There is also a high proportion of biological content within psychology.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?
You will learn about psychological theory and research studies and develop skills valued by Higher Education and employers, such as critical analysis, independent thinking and research skills. You will learn about the different approaches in psychology, including biological, cognitive, and behaviourist perspectives.

HOW WILL I LEARN?
You will learn through a variety of teaching methods, including discussions, video footage of psychological experiments, applying your knowledge to case studies, role plays, interactive games, independent research, peer teaching and debates.

WHERE WILL IT TAKE ME?
Within psychology there is a vast amount of career choice, such as counselling, educational or clinical psychologists, but the skills that you learn and develop during psychology AS level and A level will aid you with any career pathway, such as becoming a business consultant or pursuing a health related career.

WHO TO TALK TO?
Ms A Mustaq or Mrs C McKinley at enquiry@bordgrng.bham.sch.uk