

# Hazeley Sixth Form

## Psychology A level



EXAM BOARD: EDEXCEL

SPEC CODE: 9PS0

ASSESSMENT: 3 EXAMS

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Studying Psychology will require learners to examine a range of behaviour from a variety of perspectives. Students will learn how biological and social factors can influence behaviours such as; aggression, memory, obedience, phobias, child development and mental health. Psychology is a fantastic balance between a science and a humanity-based subject. It requires students to be evaluative and analyse behaviour scientifically, but also develop key essay writing skills which will benefit them in their other courses.

Students will be required to critically evaluate psychological theories and studies and will be expected to apply their knowledge to new material in the exams. As a result, students will develop their application and critical thinking skills during the course. Students will have the exciting opportunity to carry out several of their own pieces of psychological research throughout this course and develop their report writing skills alongside this. Studying Psychology at A level provides a strong foundation for continuing it at degree level but would also benefit anyone wanting to work in an industry that involves interacting with people. This course will appeal to students who enjoy science, have good numeracy skills and a willingness to work hard in order to develop their written communication.

There is also a large emphasis on research methods and students will be required to understand how human behaviour is studied in a scientific manner, including how the data collected is analysed using statistical tests. As a result, students will require a calculator for the course. It would also be beneficial to take Core Maths in addition to Psychology, as the skills developed in Core Maths will support students best in carrying out statistical analysis by hand.



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