WAKEFIELD COLLEGE COURSE INFORMATION:

A Level Psychology

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Wakefield College

START DATE
September

LEVEL
Level 3

STUDY MODE
Full-time

DURATION
2 years

AWARDING BODY
Assessment & Qualifications Alliance (AQA)

LOCATION
Wakefield College

Course Overview

Psychology is a popular and fascinating subject that seeks to explain human thoughts, cognition and behaviour. It explores various explanations for understanding human behaviour more explicitly and attempts to analyse why we act in the way we do through scientific method. For instance, why do some people develop mental illnesses? How do early relationships with our parents form the basis for future relationships? Why are some people willing to inflict pain on others when instructed to do so by an authority figure? If you enjoy analytical thinking and debate with an element of maths and science then this is the subject for you.

In classes you will learn through a variety of methods including: lectures, group work, independent work, university style activities, student presentations and discussions. You'll also be expected to conduct at least four hours of reading and independent study outside of lessons and complete regular homework tasks.

What You Will Study

In the first year you'll develop an understanding of Research Methods and develop a broad knowledge of some of the key ideas that underpin the discipline. In second year, you will build upon this and delve into explaining complex ideas and behaviours.

First year topics include:

- Approaches in Psychology
- Research Methods
- Social Influence
- Biopsychology
- Psychopathology
- Memory and Attachment

Second year topics include:

- Gender
- Schizophrenia
- Addiction and Issues and Debates

How You Will Be Assessed

All units are assessed by examination and there is no coursework element.

You will sit three papers at the end of the second year. These papers will contain at least 30% assessment of mathematical content and 'how science works'.

Year 2- To achieve the full A Level you will sit 3 exam papers at the end of the second

For further information about this course, including Entry Requirements, Assessments and Further Study, scan the QR code.

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year as follows.

Paper 1- 96 marks 2 hours
Paper 2- 96 marks 2 hours
Paper 3- 96 marks 2 hours

In exceptional circumstances there may be the opportunity to sit the AS in Psychology in 1 year.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at Grade 9-4, including English Language.

PLUS

Grade 5 in Maths OR Science.

Further Study

Many students who study A Level Psychology go on to university to study at degree level. Psychology is a popular subject and universities usually specify high grades at A Level as entrance requirements. Some universities also require you to have a Science subject at A level to show your scientific approach. You can also study related degrees.