

A-Level PSYCHOLOGY



Opportunities

Students studying Psychology are taught by subject specialists. Learning is enhanced by a range of trips including a Psychology Conference in Disneyland Paris and a visit to the Freud Museum in London.

Links with, and visits to, local universities help to raise aspiration and help to give students the tools to be successful at A-level.

For example, bespoke psychology days using laboratory facilities at Edge Hill University.

Expand your mind with Psychology!

- Find out how and why you behave the way you do.
- Develop your understanding of memory – very useful for all your A-levels!
- Consider issues and debates such as gender, culture, free will and ethics.
- Apply theoretical understanding to a range of contexts.

Why study this course at Bellerive FCJ Sixth Form?

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour and as such, it is part of our everyday lives. If you have ever wondered if there is an actual definition of what normal behaviour is, why some people conform to instructions, rules and authority and others don't, whether our own personality is pre-programmed from birth or created over a lifetime of experiences or how important our childhood experiences are in forming our personality, Psychology is for you. This course is for anybody who has a critical mind and will help to develop transferable skills of analysis and evaluation.

Subject teachers are well qualified, enthusiastic, experienced, and caring. The department is well equipped with the resources needed for studies to be successful, e.g. up to date textbooks, work booklets, exam practice materials and drop-in sessions.

'Who looks outside, dreams; who looks inside, awakes.'

Carl Jung





PSYCHOLOGY LIVE!



at **Disneyland**
PARIS

What will I study?

- Psychological Approaches
- Social influence
- Memory
- Biopsychology
- Clinical Psychology and Mental Health
- Research Methods
- Cognition and Development
- Schizophrenia
- Forensic Psychology (Offending)

How will I be assessed?

Three two-hour exams, all equally weighted.

Can I take this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Yes! Be aware that there are elements of maths and biology.

What can the course lead on to?

Psychology is the second most popular subject choice at A-level after maths (FFT) and is the most popular social science degree subject (Whatuni). Many students continue their studies in Psychology further at university, sometimes combining them with criminology, law or sociology. Many employers are impressed with a Psychology student's ability to analyse and evaluate a range of situations.

Psychology opens many employment opportunities including psychiatry, crime scene investigator as well as careers within the fields of clinical, educational, forensic, occupational, sport or neuropsychology. Other opportunities occur within the police force, social work, prison and probation service, marketing or consumer psychology, counselling, law and Human Resources.

What have previous students said about this subject?

'I enjoy studying Psychology at sixth form as it allows me to gain a deeper understanding of the different ways humans think. It is my favourite subject and I am going to study it at university!' **Taylor H**

Choosing Psychology and Sociology has been a great experience where we have learnt to understand how our peers think and why people act the way they do.' **Ruby A and Niamh B**

