



Introduction to Post-16 Studies - Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour, During the 2-year course you will gain an insight into different theoretical perspectives of human behaviour, you will delve into the world of forensic psychology to understand why people commit crime and to assess whether criminals can be rehabilitated. You will develop key skills such as analysis, evaluation, and critical thinking.

The following challenges will help you develop some of the initial skills and knowledge needed for this course.



Watch this documentary

[VOX Document –](#)

[Why your shoddy memory is a good thing?](#)

This will help you become more familiar with how your memory works and the centres of the brain that are most important in memory.



Listen to this radio programme

[All in the Mind](#)

A variety of podcasts available for you to listen to, there is a range of episodes to captivate your interest.



Complete this online course

[Forensic Psychology: Witness Investigation](#)

Discover how forensic psychology helps obtain evidence from eyewitnesses in police investigations and prevents cases of injustice.



Investigation

How do different perspectives in Psychology explain behaviour? Research different psychological perspectives and summarise their views on human behaviour. Create a mind map to illustrate your findings.



Read this article

[Lie Detector Tests for Convicted Terrorists in the UK](#)

This article from Psychology Today discusses how the use of polygraph tests may pose more problems for the British Government.



Key questions in Psychology?

[Do dreams have meaning?](#)

Carry out some research to support or refute these claims. Present your ideas in the form of a 500-word report.



Useful links

The specification of the psychology course:

[AQA A Level Psychology](#)

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