

Psychology

Higher



What skills will you gain?

Psychology is defined as 'the scientific study of the mind and behaviour'. As well as a basic interest in human behaviour, you should have a basic grasp of scientific principles and the ability to analyse and evaluate theories and research studies. Assessment will involve describing relevant knowledge, analysing and evaluating this knowledge in terms of its scientific content, practical applications, ethical considerations etc. You will design an experiment/non-experiment based on a SQA candidate brief and write up a research report. This is worth 40% of the final mark and is marked externally. There is also a requirement to complete one piece of practical coursework.

What units will I study?

Individual Behaviour
Research
Social Behaviour

Entry Requirements?

English/Psychology National 5. Acceptance will be based on your application form and if necessary, an interview will be arranged.

How and where will I study?

Virtual classes use online technologies, such as Google Hangouts, in timetabled sessions and will have a college lecturer in virtual attendance during the class.

How will I be assessed?

There a prelim exam to allow you to see the layout of the exam paper and to identify strengths and areas for improvement, these are marked internally and graded. There will also be a final external examination.

Where will it take me?

Higher Psychology is suitable preparation for entry to higher education courses in psychology or further study in other academic and vocational subjects.

How do I apply?

You will apply online. Please speak to your school guidance teacher for more information.