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MARPLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A Level in Psychology

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	MFQ-ML3L-1105

Course Overview

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. It is about understanding people. It is about understanding yourself. Psychology as a subject is like a jigsaw, and each piece of the jigsaw represents a different type of psychology.
Psychologists have questions:
'Why did people obey Adolf Hitler?", "How is the human mind constructed?", "What is the importance of early life to our personality as young people?"

Relationships which considers the factors that cause and maintain attraction and the theories of how relationships are formed and end

Forensic psychology where both biological and psychological explanations of offender behaviour are explored and how we deal with offending behaviour to try and reduce reoffending

Schizophrenia will look at the clinical characteristics and the various causes of the disorder

Having asked these questions, psychologists seek answers."

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5s or above (must include Maths and English Language). However, certain subjects may have additional entry criteria, which can be found below:

Additional Entry Requirements:
A Level Psycology will require grade 5 in a GCSE Science related subject or 55 or above in combined science

What You Will Learn

Psychology students are more than just students. They are psychologists themselves. They are explorers of the human mind and behaviour and apply these skills both in and outside of the classroom. Psychology is more than just a course - it is a way of understanding the world.

Assessment

A level Psychology is 100% exam based. You will complete three x 2-hour exam papers at the end of the course.

Progression

Upon completing this course, students may choose to go into the following roles: Teacher, Clinical psychologist, Child psychologist, Social worker, Counsellor and more.

Students who study Psychology with us tend to further their education at University or enter the world of work and build a career to work in: Forensic psychology, Social Work, Counselling, Journalism, Community development work for Charities, Criminal justice, welfare services or public service roles such as the police.

Career Options

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Mandatory Units

This course covers a number of topics, allowing students to explore theory, practice and the world of Psychology - topics included - Social influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology, Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research methods, Issues and debates in Psychology.

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