



## GCSE

## Psychology

### The Brunts Academy

#### **Key Features of the Course:**

Psychology is the study of the brain and behaviour where you will learn about why humans behave the way they do. There are many different topics studied in psychology, leading to a range of different career paths.

Have you ever wondered what makes you tick? How your brain works? Maybe you're interested in understanding other people better. Whatever your interest in other people's or your own behaviour is, you will find some interesting answers in psychology, as well as opportunities to develop more questions that you want answered!

The GCSE course covers a wide range of approaches to human behaviour in psychology, looking at whether we are born with behaviours or we learn them. You will also discover whether your biology, your thoughts or your environment have the biggest influence on your behaviour. For each topic you will also investigate two pieces of research and will assess how useful these are in today's society.

#### **What type of student is this suitable for?**

Psychology is a fascinating subject that will open your mind up to many new things.

It is an ideal subject for students who have an inquisitive mind and don't take everything presented to them at face value.

Psychology does require students to work hard and have a good work ethic as there are many things to learn that will be completely new to you.

But if you've got a keen interest in all things psychology, and a positive attitude to your studies, then sign up for the course – you'll love it!

#### **What could this course lead on to?**

A Level study of Psychology, university level research, forensic science, therapist, counsellor, health care professional, legal work, teaching, police, journalism, customer service...the list is endless!

#### **Unit 1**

##### ***What's assessed***

- Memory
- Perception
- Development
- Research methods

Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

##### ***How it's assessed***

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

#### **Unit 2**

##### ***What's assessed***

- Social influence
- Language, thought and communication
- Brain and neuropsychology
- Psychological problems

Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

##### ***How it's assessed***

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- 50% of GCSE

**Course Details:** AQA Psychology (9-1 GCSE)

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