Psychology

Applied Psychology

Subject Psychology

Exam Board Pearson

Specification Numbers Qualification No: 603/3058/2

Teachers Responsible Mrs C Webb

Introduction This specification is intended to ensure that learners gain a comprehensive appreciation of the nature of psychology and psychological enquiry. Through the specification, learners will be introduced to historical and current psychological approaches, and classic and contemporary research. In addition, there are opportunities to explore psychological controversies and debates. Learners will also study a variety of methods used by psychologists and will carry out their own investigations. Consideration of the ethical issues and implications of psychological endeavours are emphasised in all aspects of the specification. The content is stimulating, relevant and accessible to a wide range of learners, ensuring both breadth and depth to the study of psychology.
There are three components: Psychological Approaches and Application, Conducting Psychological Research and Health Psychology. The fourth unit is an optional unit which is an Introduction to Psychopathology.

Aims of the Course This Pearson Applied Psychology specification is stimulating, distinctive and attractive, providing exciting opportunities for the learners to study a variety of historical and current psychological approaches, study classic and contemporary psychological research covering a variety of perspectives and topics, study principles of investigating human and animal behaviour, apply psychological information to everyday situations and explore contemporary issues raised in psychological research. Students are given opportunities to work scientifically through their own psychological research, demonstrating greater emphasis on the skills of psychology.
This specification encourages learners to develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of psychology and how they relate to each other, develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods in psychology and develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical and problem solving skills. Students are encouraged to develop their interest in and enthusiasm for psychology, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject, understand how society makes decisions about psychological issues and how psychology contributes to the success of the economy and society.

How You Are Assessed

Component 1 - Psychological Approaches and Applications
- 1 hour and 30 minutes external exam, worth 25%

Component 2 - Conducting Psychological Research
- NEA worth 25%

Component 3 - Health Psychology
- 2 hours external exam, worth 25%

Component 4 - Optional Unit
- NEA worth 25%

Links to Future Careers Applied Psychology provides a foundation for diverse careers, including clinical counselling and education psychology, where you assess and treat mental health, and support students' development. You can also pursue roles in occupational psychology within HR, focusing on workplace efficiency, or become a forensic psychologist assisting in the criminal justice system. Additionally, it opens doors to entry-level positions in mental health support, counselling, research, and areas like advertising, marketing, and HR.

Entry Requirement
Grade 5 in Psychology (if taken at GCSE)
Otherwise 6 in one English and at least one 6 in a Science (Combined/Biology/Chemistry/Physics)