

A Level Psychology

Overview

This program is for students to supplement their knowledge of Psychology. Students will continue the holistic approach to studying human behaviour and mental processes through the study of biological, cognitive, sociocultural, and learning theories. While working with a mentor to identify areas of weakness, students will create a timeline along which they will work towards their goal. Using past papers to practice planning and structuring questions, this course will focus on the generation of psychological theories and the ethical considerations behind studies, so as to critically analyse research methods and the impact of psychological studies on society.

Objectives

- Provide an introduction to psychological concepts, theories and research findings
- Acquire an understanding of the range and limitations of psychological theory and practice
- Develop skills of analysis, interpretation, application and evaluation
- Understand the importance of ethical practice in psychological research
- Develop an awareness of how psychological research can be applied to address real-world problems

Structure

- Reflect on current knowledge of the range of subjects that Psychology teaches and identify strengths and weaknesses
 - Develop a personalised curriculum
- Examining psychological research
 - Explore a variety of types of research
 - Examine how psychological research is generated, carried out and developed into a theory
- Consider ethical implications of psychological research
 - Application to real-world problems
 - Ethical considerations during experiments (including the lack thereof in past studies)
- Further study of biological, cognitive, sociocultural, and learning theories
 - Factors that affect human behaviour
 - Factors that affect mental processes
- Exam practice
 - Formulating responses
 - Planning and structuring
 - Past paper practice