



# ABBEYGATE

Sixth Form College

## Psychology

Entry requirements:

a minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 4 - 9, minimum Grade 5 Maths, average GCSE Score 5\*

### STUDENT PROFILE

This course will appeal those students who:

- have an interest in human behaviour
- like to engage in practical research activities
- would like to improve their analytical skills
- would like to study a subject which encourages them to investigate and question evidence in order to form conclusions
- would like to include a science-based subject in their studies.

Psychology complements almost any other subject, for example: Business Studies, Physical Education, Film Studies, Sociology and many more. Having an understanding of human behaviour will give you a valuable skill that can be applied to any area of social or academic life.

### PROGRESSION

Study of Psychology at A-level can lead to a wide range of career and higher education opportunities.

Psychology at A-level is not yet a pre-requisite for entry to a Psychology degree, however, study at this level gives a useful insight into the subject and helps students to decide if they will be suited to studying Psychology further.

Competition for places is strong and Psychology can lead to specialisms including clinical, child, educational, occupational, forensic, counselling, sport and health psychology.

\*Information on how to calculate your average GCSE Score can be found at [www.abbeygatesfc.ac.uk/courses](http://www.abbeygatesfc.ac.uk/courses)

### STUDENT VIEW

"Studying Psychology was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Psychology is such an engaging subject, with much application to real life."

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## COURSE CONTENT

### **Unit 1 – Foundations of Psychology**

Students will explore theories and research within Social, Cognitive and Biological Psychology, as well as gaining an understanding of Learning Theories. They will use this knowledge and understanding to explain a range of human behaviours including, Obedience, Prejudice, Aggression and Phobia. The examination paper will include both short answers and extended responses on all four approaches.

### **Unit 2 - Application of Psychology**

Students will learn about Clinical Psychology in addition to one other application from a choice of Criminological, Child or Health Psychology. The examination paper will include short answer, essay and data response questions.

### **Unit 3 - Psychological Skills**

In this synoptic paper, students will be assessed on their knowledge of research methods used in Psychology and their understanding of Psychological studies encountered throughout the course. They will also be assessed on issues and debates within Psychology, such as the role of nature and nurture in human behaviour. This paper will include extended response questions on each of the above areas.

