

## Overview

Psychology is a captivating and diverse area of study and this course provides a broad basis of study for the applied psychology sector. Designed to support progression to higher education when taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels.

*Awarding Organisation:*  
Pearson

*Minimum course requirements:*  
5 or more GCSEs Grades at 9-4  
including 4+ in English or Mathematics

*More information:*  
Mrs Elliot

## Curriculum and assessment

### YEAR 12

The content of this qualification has been developed in consultation with academics to ensure that it supports progression to higher education. The qualification provides the knowledge, understanding and skills that will prepare you for further study or training.

Everyone taking this qualification will study three mandatory units, covering the following content areas:

- applications of psychological approaches
- conducting psychological research
- health psychology (covered in Year 13)

### YEAR 13

You will choose one optional unit, which has been designed to support progression to more specialist applied psychology courses in higher education and to link with relevant occupational areas, such as:

- criminal and forensic psychology
- principles of children's psychological development
- psychopathology and treatment
- applied sport psychology.

This will allow you to choose a specific specialist area in which you wish to develop your knowledge and skills.

**ASSESSMENT:** Four units of which three are mandatory and two are external.  
Mandatory content (83%) External assessment (58%)

## Skills that will be developed

- The ability and motivation to work independently
- Good note taking and essay writing skills
- Good powers of analysis
- The ability to think critically
- The ability to express complex ideas in your own words

## Post 18 opportunities

The Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology, which is 360 GLH, is intended to be an Applied General qualification for post-16 learners wanting to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education and ultimately to employment, possibly in the applied psychology sector. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A Level and it has been designed as one third of a typical study programme, normally alongside A Levels or other applied general qualifications at Level 3.

## Expenses

You will need to purchase a text book. We will endeavour to attend at least one series of lectures to supplement the course.