

# **PSYCHOLOGY**

**WHAT IS IT? WHAT WOULD I DO?**

# WHAT IS PSYCHOLOGY?

‘Psychology is the science of mind and behaviour’

But what does this mean?



# **EVER WONDERED WHAT MAKES A SERIAL KILLER SO EVIL...**

Yeah.. Well.. Psychology can explain that!

**EVER WONDERED WHY YOU WALK INTO A ROOM AND FORGET WHAT YOU CAME IN THERE FOR..**

Yeah.. Well.. Psychology can explain that!

# **EVER WONDERED WHY SOME PEOPLE DEVELOP DEPRESSION AND OTHERS DON'T...**

Yeah.. Well.. Psychology can explain that!

# EVER WONDERED HOW CHILDREN DEVELOP..

Yeah.. Well.. Psychology can explain that!

# EVER WONDERED HOW YOUR BRAIN WORKS..

Yeah.. Well.. Psychology can explain that!

**EVER WONDERED WHY IT'S EASIER TO GO  
ALONG WITH THE CROWD THAN STAND  
OUT..**

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# PSYCHOLOGY CAN EXPLAIN A LOT OF THINGS!

- In Year 10 you would cover the following topics:
  - Social Psychology (Why people obey, disobey, why we follow the crowd)
  - Brain and neuropsychology (How does your brain work and what happens when it's damaged)
  - Memory (how do we remember, how do we forget, what is amnesia)

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- Developmental Psychology – How do we develop – emotional, socially and physically
- Psychological problems – What causes people to become addicted or depressed, is it genetic or is there other factors which might cause this?

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- In Year 11:
  - Criminal Psychology – Why do criminals become criminals? Can we stop people reoffending? How?
  - Sleep and Dreaming – What do your dreams mean? Are they telling you something about your life?

# HOW ARE YOU ASSESSED?

- You take two exams at the end of Year 11
- Just two, then it's done!



# WHAT TYPES OF JOBS CAN PSYCHOLOGY LEAD TO?

Therapist

Police

Neuropsychologist



Sport psychology  
(working with major league sports clubs)

Mental Health Nurse

Social Worker

# WHAT YOU COULD LEARN WITH PSYCHOLOGY?

- Whether people are born bad or whether we can make people act bad?
- Could I make you act in an immoral way that you would normally act?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8vVjDkyH3Q>

# SO WHY CHOSE PSYCHOLOGY?

- Learning about how people behave can be very interesting..
- You can learn about why people are different and how in many ways we are all the same..
- You get to learn about some pretty cool experiments (there's even one with electric shocks and murderers' brains!)



# NOW THE SERIOUS BIT..

- What do the questions look like?
  - The longest answer question is 9 marks
  - Most questions are 2-4 marks
  - We can teach you how to answer them, don't worry about it!
  - Learning key words will be your life saver!



# NOW THE SERIOUS BIT..

- Is it just written answers?
  - There is a little bit of maths involved, but nothing too scary
  - Means, mode, median and drawing bar charts..
  - Even if you struggle now, don't let that put you off! You can still do it!

# IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE...

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