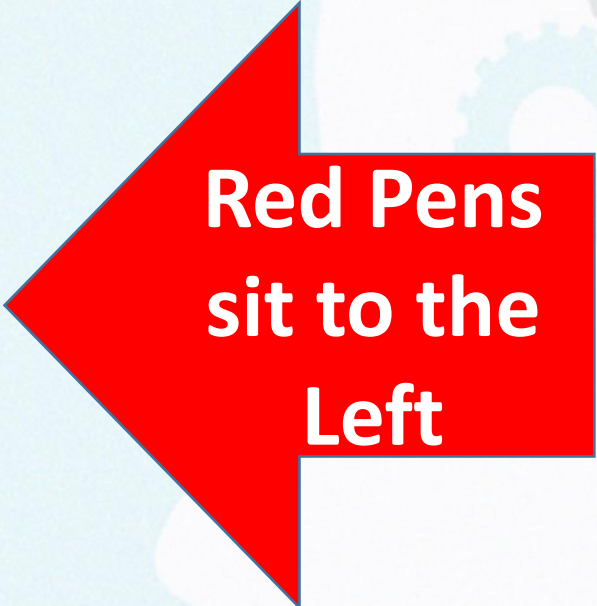


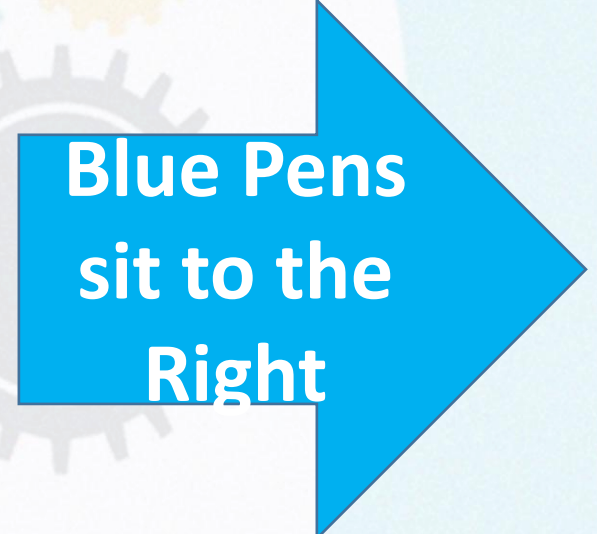
Welcome to Social Science - Psychology



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Alleyne's Academy Sixth Form

Miss Dawson— Head of Social Science

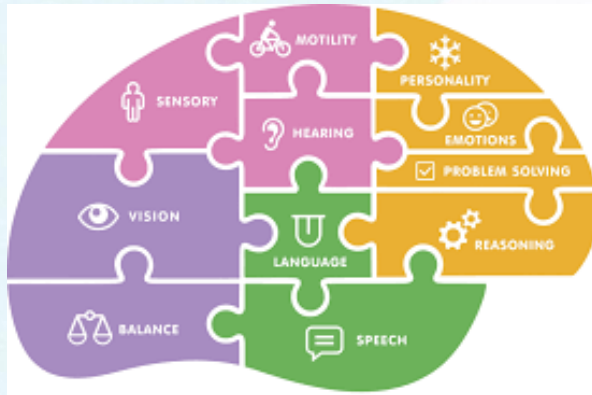
Mr Haydon – Assistant Head

Mr Roberts – Teacher of Social Science

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. It encompasses the biological influences, social pressures, and environmental factors that affect how people think, act, and feel.

It's difficult to capture everything that psychology encompasses in just a brief definition, but topics such as development, personality, thoughts, feelings, emotions, motivations, and social behaviours represent just a portion of what psychology seeks to understand, predict, and explain.



WHAT THE EXAM LOOKS LIKE

Paper 1:

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Clinical Psychology and Mental Health
- **96 marks**
- **2 Hours**

Paper 2:

- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods
(**double weighted**)
- **96 marks**
- **2 Hours**

Paper 3:

- Issues and Debates
- Schizophrenia
- Relationships
- Forensics
- **96 marks**
- **2 Hours**

What sort of person studies Psychology?

- Someone who is :-
- **INTERESTED** and **INQUISTIVE** in explaining why people behave the way they do
- **SCIENTIFIC** and able to analyse evidence from different research
- **OPEN MINDED AND EXPLORATIVE** to different ideas
- No experience is necessary but Sixth Form entry requirements need to be met
- **ALSOEnglish** (for Essay Writing), **Maths** (for Statistical Testing) and **Science** (for Biological Component (20% approx of course) need to be strong

What can you gain from Psychology?

- A wide variety of skills including :-
- **Knowledge and Understanding** of a range of theories and research
- **Analysis** of evidence from research
- **Application** of ideas to individuals with psychological problems (Scenarios)
- **Evaluating** different perspectives explaining behaviour / treatments for disorders on certain issues

Why Psychology ? (Results)

- Results – in my experience have always been excellent
- 2022 – Positive VA - +0.34 , 68% A*/B (Average of a B grade)
- 2023 – Neutral VA – 47% A*-B
- 2024 – Neutral VA – Average Grade B+
- 2025 – Neutral VA – Average Grade B

Why Psychology ? (Progression)

- Many students go on to University to study Psychology or **related disciplines** eg Sports Psychology, Educational Psychology, Cognitive Neuroscience etc
- Last year 50% went on to Psychology related degree courses
- Excellent preparation for other Higher Education routes – Biology, Nursing, Medicine, Law, Midwifery, Therapist, Social Worker, Teacher etc
- Also provides many transferable skills for employment / Apprenticeship options e.g Social Work, Police, Management

Why Psychology ? (Educational Trips)

- We are incorporating more trips into the curriculum

Year 12:

Psychology in Action Day

London Trip

Year 13:

Tutor2U Revision Workshop

Shrewsbury Prison



Students had the opportunity last year to be participants in a real piece of research.

Any Questions?

Any questions please come and see me 😊

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