

## Psychology IB

### Level 3 = This is a 1 A level course

The IB Diploma Programme psychology course is the systematic study of behaviour and mental processes.

The psychology course examines the interaction of biological, cognitive and sociocultural influences on human behaviour. Students undertaking the course can expect to develop an understanding of how psychological knowledge is generated, developed and applied. This will allow them to have a greater understanding of themselves and appreciate the diversity of human behaviour.

The holistic approach reflected in the curriculum, which sees biological, cognitive and sociocultural analysis being taught in an integrated way ensures that students are able to develop an understanding of what all humans share, as well as the immense diversity of influences on human behaviour and mental processes. The ethical concerns raised by the methodology and application of psychological research are also key considerations of the IB psychology course.

### Course Details

The Diploma Programme psychology course is designed to allow for in-depth analysis, evaluation and consolidation of learning. The overall aim of the course is to give students a deeper understanding of the nature and scope of psychology.

**Part 1 Core Unit:** The biological level of analysis, The cognitive level of analysis & The sociocultural level of analysis.

**Part 2 Optional Units:** Abnormal psychology, Developmental psychology, Health psychology, Psychology of human relationships & Sport psychology.

**Part 3:** Qualitative research in psychology.

**Part 4:** Introduction to experimental research methodology.

### Assessment

Students are assessed both internally and externally' External assessment for SL students consists of two written papers. For HL students there are three written papers. Internal assessment for SL and HL students is to write a report of a simple experimental study conducted by the student. This is internally marked by subject teachers and then externally moderated by IB examiners.

#### When?

*Start date: September.*

*Duration: 2 years.*

*Delivery: Part of a full-time programme.*

*Availability: Current and continuing.*

#### Who can do it?

*Age range: 16 – 19*

*SEN target: None.*

*Entry Requirements: By interview.*

#### Career Information:

*Clinical psychologist, Counselling psychologist, Educational psychologist, Forensic psychologist, Further education teacher, Health psychologist & Occupational psychologist.*

#### More information?

*Contact Miss Lee-Roberts at the Academy.*