

## What do students studying psychology think?

Why did you opt to do psychology?

- Because I was really interested in the brain and mental health side of things.
- I chose psychology as I am interested in how and why people behave in certain ways.
- I took psychology because I am interested in the mind and why things happen in the brain.
- I chose psychology because every single topic sounded very interesting and unlike any other subject.
- I chose to do psychology because the way the mind works, and the way people think really interests me.

What do you enjoy most/find most interesting about the Psychology course?

- So far, I have most enjoyed learning about how things such as schizophrenia and depression are caused.
- I love psychology but so far, I have most enjoyed learning about the science behind psychological issues such as schizophrenia and depression and studies in the memory topic. I enjoyed the studies in the memory topic as it was so fascinating to learn that you can make people believe they have a memory of something that couldn't possibly have happened.
- I find the mental health side of psychology very interesting as it is very relevant to a lot of real life issues.
- I like using the textbooks, they have so much information that you can use for revision and to make notes
- We've only done a couple things so far, but I really enjoyed learning a lot about Schizophrenia, because I didn't really know much about it before.

What do you find challenging about the course?

- I find learning new words the hardest.
- Sometimes I find the Case studies a little challenging especially the ones packed with information that you would need to talk about say in a test. So, there is a lot to learn.
- it is difficult to remember all the case studies, but it can be done if you revise well.
- The most challenging thing is learning key words that you won't have come across before. However, even though it is an extra GCSE I don't find it hard to manage my work for this subject as well as all the others.
- I often find remembering the names of the researchers who did a study rather difficult.

What do you do in lessons? /Describe a typical Psychology lesson.

- In a typical psychology lesson, we would arrive at 3 and usually have some questions on the board about what we have done in previous lessons. After this we tend to go through the lesson PowerPoint and watch videos and do worksheets that come up throughout the PowerPoint.

- In a lesson you normally have videos and worksheets to do. Sometimes you have fun quizzes about yourself which link to what you are learning such as finding out if you have a fixed or growth mindset. Most lessons you have to write definitions and theories, but they are always interesting to learn about.
- In a typical lesson classes aren't too full so you all chat and get along as a group with a lot of interactive one on one learning and new case studies and things.
- First there would be an introduction into the lesson then we would go through the PowerPoint, sometimes there will be worksheets and videos. Then we would do an activity for a couple minutes then have a short break then carry on what we were doing that lesson.

What type of things do you do as homework?

- Research Tasks.
- Homework is mainly revision or worksheets, but we don't get too much.
- Normally we have to finish summary sheets for case studies as homework.
- For homework we usually have questions to check our knowledge on what we did in the previous lesson.