

Shoeburyness High School

Sixth Form Subject Information

Applied Psychology

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate



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Subject Information

Exam Board: Pearson

(<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/applied-psychology.html>)

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and the mind.

Psychology is located in scientific method and studying it at BTEC Level 3 allows for extensive evaluation from a range of perspectives. You will have the opportunity to develop a wide-ranging set of key skills, including being able to communicate effectively using appropriate language, to interpret and critically assess scientific data, and to research and critically evaluate a range of sources. The course allows you to understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society. The course requires you to apply the psychology you study to real life situations.



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You are assessed by two external examination units and two internally assessed coursework units throughout the course.

Unit 1 is an external assessment of your knowledge of psychological approaches and applications. It is based on key concepts as used to explain aspects of human behaviour.

Unit 2: is an internal assessment on conducting psychological research. It allows you to develop knowledge, understanding and skills in the scientific process and in psychological research methodology through your own psychological research project.

Unit 3 is an external assessment of your knowledge of health psychology. It is based on psychological approaches, theories and studies related to lifestyle choices, unhealthy behaviours and behavioural change.

Unit 6: is an internal assessment on psychopathology. You will examine modern approaches to defining psychopathology and the changing attitudes to treatment as well as factors that can cause mental ill health, exploring the approaches adopted by professionals when treating mental disorders.



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Entry requirements

Pathway 2 entry requirements: 5 GCSEs (or equivalent) at Grade 4/Level 2 Pass and above

Subject entry requirements: As above including Grade 4 or above in GCSE Maths



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Career Progression

Studying Applied Psychology BTEC Level 3 opens up career pathways in areas such as teaching, social work, the police force, nursing, sports/educational psychology, counselling, play therapist and human resources.



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University Progression

Philip Banyard, Head of Psychology at Nottingham Trent University says:

As Head of Psychology at this University and also from my previous experience as admissions tutor and as an A Level Chief Examiner I believe that these specifications will prepare students for study in higher education. They appear to be have the breadth and challenge of A Level, and like A Level Psychology will prepare students for a wide range of degree choices.

Psychology is often offered at university with a wide range of other subjects including criminology, forensic science, childhood studies, marketing, journalism, law and sports studies. Other suitable degrees include teaching, marketing, science and maths.



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