

# PSYCHOLOGY

A bitesize overview of the curriculum.

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## YEAR 1

- Social Influence – explore why people conform and how social change happens in society. Could you shock someone to 450 volts if told to do so?
- Memory – understand what memory is, how we store information, why we forget and how it can affect crime scenes. Can old memories interfere with new memories?
- Attachment – examine why we develop attachments and the adverse effects if we don't attach. A girl was locked in a room for 13 years with minimal contact with humans. Was she able to overcome this?
- Approaches in Psychology – explore the history and foundations of Psychology. Can we really learn behaviour through conditioning and reinforcement?
- Psychopathology – understand the diagnosis, explanation and treatments of Depression, Phobias and OCD. Can we treat OCD with anti-depressants?

## YEAR 2

- Biopsychology – an in depth look at the brain from neurochemistry to split brain research and plasticity in how it controls behaviour. Can being a taxi driver change the size of your brain?
- Issues and Debates – explore the common debates in psychology and relate them to topics studying. Is being a criminal down to our nature or our nurture?
- Relationships – discover the psychology behind why we find people attractive, why we break up and how online dating has changed relationships. Can the reason why someone is obsessed with Harry Potter be down to the type of attachment they had with their parents?
- Schizophrenia – learn about the symptoms, explanations and different psychological treatments to this complex disorder. Can we change a schizophrenic's behaviour with the use of tokens?
- Forensics – find out about how we profile crime scenes, how we deal with offenders and how we can explain their behaviour.



## WHAT SUBJECTS COULD I STUDY AT UNIVERSITY?

- Psychology
- Neuroscience
- Criminology

## WHAT CAREERS COULD THIS LEAD TO?

- Clinical Psychologist
- Forensic Psychologist
- Teacher
- Detective
- Marketing and Media
- Psychotherapist

## ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Brain Day with Dr Guy Sutton
- Research Trip to Monkey World
- Psychology Exam Clinic