

# A Level Psychology

## Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

You will be taught by specialist tutors who are very experienced and who are also examiners. Your tutors are very dedicated and committed to ensuring that you will enjoy the subject and obtain the grade you deserve for progression onto university.

Every lesson is interactive and teaching and learning is student focused.

In addition, each lesson is planned to meet the individual needs of each learner.

## What will I study?

Psychology is the scientific study of mind and behaviour. The A Level Psychology will act as a bridge between GCSE and university. The course introduces you to the research skills you will need to conduct your own psychological research by giving you practical experience of conducting mini investigations into human behaviour. A part of this you will learn five inferential statistical tests that can be used to analyse data collected into human behaviour.

Aside from learning how to conduct research yourself, you will also study twenty pieces of existing research in five different areas: Social, Biological, Cognitive, Developmental and Individual Differences.

Topics studied include; autism, eye witness testimony, how children learn aggressive behaviour, functions of the brain and the language of psychopaths, to name a few. For each piece of research you will address seven different debates such as psychology as a science and nature vs nurture.

Finally, you will consider some applied areas in Psychology such as Issues in Mental Health, Criminal Psychology and Sport and Exercise Psychology. These topics are very essay based and will help you to develop the quality of your written communication.

## How will I be assessed?

This course is 100% Exam Based.

## Entry Requirements?

A minimum of 3 x 5's and 2 x 4's at GCSE including a Grade 5 in English Language and a Grade 5 in Maths. One of your Grade 5's to be in another written subject.



## Opportunities

Students studying Humanities are taught by leaders in their specialist field. Learning is enhanced by international trips to New York, Auschwitz, Krakow and Berlin. You will also have the opportunity to go on UK field trips to put classroom theory into practice.

Students enjoy a host of opportunities to learn from leading guest experts such as solicitors, police and journalists as well as taking part in national competitions such as the Bar Mock Trials and Debating Matters. Students can also benefit from our Tomorrow's Lawyers or Tomorrow's Teachers Professional Studies Programmes.

## Be inspired

The college has a leading English, Modern Foreign Languages and Humanities department specialising in providing students with a wealth of experiences.

The passionate and dedicated members of the team strive for strong academic achievement from all of their students.

## The Cronton Experience

At Cronton you can take part in many enrichment activities such as:

- The High Achievers Programme
- Professional Programmes for Tomorrow's Scientists, Lawyers and Teachers
- Centres of Excellence in STEM, Performing Arts and Sport
- Student Leadership Team
- College Sports Teams
- TASS (Talented Athlete Scholarship Scheme)
- The Duke of Edinburgh's Award
- International Trips
- Scholarships



Learn more about the Cronton Experience at:  
[www.cronton.ac.uk/experience](http://www.cronton.ac.uk/experience)

## Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

You do not need to have previously studied this subject at GCSE.

## Enrichment Opportunities

- Prestigious Universities Programme

## What can this course lead on to?

Child psychologist, clinical psychologist, psychiatry, counsellor, therapist (for example, marriage/ relationship, child, phobia, addiction, etc.), police officer, teaching, language therapist, etc.

## Any additional costs?

There is a £15 charge for reprographics.

## Activities

Our highly skilled staff provide full enrichment and enhancement activities both within and outside the classroom to further stretch the students.

## What have previous students said about this subject?

“It’s really interesting, you learn a lot about yourself and other people”

“Tutors are really good at making sure you get the best grade possible”

## Meet the Students

Name:

**Katie Aspinall**

A Level Results:

**English Language A\***

**Psychology A\***

**Geography A**

Previously from:

**Penketh High School**

Destination:

**The University of Manchester to study Psychology**

