



Psychology

In Psychology at Barr's Hill School, we are committed to supporting you develop a deeper understanding of yourselves and others through the exploration of psychological theories, concepts and studies. Teaching will be led by high quality subject specialists. You will be introduced to a variety of explanations for human behaviour and you will develop a number of skills that will support you in applying for higher education opportunities.

Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade 5 or above, including English and Maths

Topics covered

Social Influence	Research Methods
Memory	Issues and Debates
Attachment	Gender
Clinical Psychology and Mental Health	Schizophrenia
Approaches in Psychology	Forensic Psychology
Biopsychology	

Skills you will develop on the course

Whilst increasing your knowledge of psychological theories, concepts and studies, you will also develop the following skills:

Application of knowledge to contemporary examples
Analysis of research findings
Synthesis of cross-curricular concepts
Evaluation of theories and studies, including methods

Assessment

There are three external exams sat in May/June at the end of your final year (13).

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology (Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Clinical Psychology and Mental Health), 2 hours, 33.3%
Paper 2: Psychology in Context (Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods), 2 hours, 33%
Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology (Issues and Debates in Psychology, Gender, Schizophrenia, Forensic Psychology), 2 hours, 33.3%

Educational trips, visits and wider experiences

To further enhance students' psychological knowledge and appreciation of the subject, student will visit and attend psychology masterclasses in some of the world's leading universities for psychology. Students will also experience talks from leading psychologists to help further widen their career ambitions.

What type of students will do well on this course?

You will need to be passionate about understanding others, have excellent time management, be prepared to develop your independent learning skills, enjoy discussions and debates and be able to write scientifically.

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Post-School Progression Opportunities

University	Entry requirements	Other similar courses offered
UCL (University College London) Psychology BSc (Hons)	A*, A, A to include at least one, preferably two subjects from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics and Psychology.	Psychology and Language Sciences BSc (Hons) (lower entry requirements) Psychology with Education BSc (Hons) (lower entry requirements)
Royal Holloway, University of London Psychology BSc (Hons)	A, A, A – A, A, B (EPQ will lower offer)	Applied Psychology BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology BSc (Hons) Psychology, Clinical Psychology and Mental Health BSc (Hons) Psychology, Clinical and Cognitive Neuroscience BSc (Hons) Psychology, Development and Developmental Disorders BSc (Hons) Criminology and Psychology with a Year in Industry BSc (Hons) (4 years full time)
Bath Spa University Psychology BSc (Hons)	B, B, B – B, C, C	Business Psychology BSc (Hons) Psychology and Sociology BSc (Hons)

Career Opportunities

Clinical Psychologist

What would I do?

- A Clinical Psychologist deals with a wide range of mental and psychological health problems including depression, addiction, anxiety, difficulty learning and relationship issues. They use psychological therapies and procedures to help patients overcome these problems.
- Clinical Psychologists often work in a variety of settings including schools, prisons, research institutions and universities and in private practice. They can meet with clients in different locations to identify the problems in their lives. Their top methods of diagnosing psychological problems are through observations, interviews and tests.

Salary: Starting: £32,306
UK average: £47,395 per year
Routes in: Bachelor’s degree accredited by the British Psychological Society and at least three years postgraduate study. Can be sponsored and trained by the NHS

Sport and Exercise Psychologist

What would I do?

- Assess your clients’ needs and abilities, and monitor sporting performance and behaviour
- Implement strategies to help clients overcome difficulties, improve performance or realise potential
- Work with a multidisciplinary team including other psychologists, nutritionists, GPs, coaches and physiologists
- Deliver counselling and/or workshops covering issues such as goal setting, visualisation and relaxation
- Conduct and apply research in sport or exercise psychology

Salary: Starting: £20,000 - £22,000
UK average: £27,000 - £48,000
Routes in: Bachelor’s degree accredited by the British Psychological Society (BPS), a BPS accredited MSc in Sport and Exercise Psychology, two years of supervised practice

Social Worker

What would I do?

- Conduct interviews with individuals and families to assess and review their situation
- Undertake and write up assessments (sometimes in collaboration with other professionals), which meet specified standards and timescales
- Offer information and support
- Organise and manage packages of support to enable people to lead the fullest lives possible
- Recommend and sometimes make decisions about the best course of action for a particular person or family
- Liaise with, and making referrals to, other agencies
- Participate in multidisciplinary teams and meetings regarding, for example, child protection or mental health
- Maintain accurate records and prepare reports for legal action
- Give evidence in court
- Participate in training, supervision and team meetings.

Salary: Starting: £24,000
UK average: £30,000 - £40,000
Routes in: Bachelor’s Degree (2:2 or 2:1 minimum grade) and a Postgraduate Degree in Social Work.