

POST-16 COURSE OVERVIEW

APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

QUALIFICATION Pearson BTEC National Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology	AWARDING BODY Pearson	COURSE LENGTH 2 years
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COURSE OVERVIEW

Applied Psychology explores how psychology helps us understand human behaviour, thoughts and emotions in everyday life. Students examine how biology, experiences, environment and thinking processes influence behaviour while developing research, analytical and communication skills.

WHAT WILL I STUDY?

KEY CONTENT

- **Unit 1:** Psychological Approaches and Applications - explore biological, cognitive, behaviourist and social approaches to human behaviour.
- **Unit 2:** Conducting Psychological Research - plan and carry out a small-scale research project, considering ethics, observation and data analysis.
- **Unit 3:** Health Psychology - explore links between psychological factors and physical health, including stress, addictive behaviours, treatments and interventions.
- **Unit 6:** Introduction to Psychopathology - examine the classification, symptoms, causes and treatments of conditions including depression, phobias, OCD and schizophrenia.

ASSESSMENT

- 58% externally assessed / 42% internally assessed.
- Units 1 (1.5 hours) and 3 (2 hours) are externally assessed written examinations.
- Units 2 and 6 are internally assessed through written projects.
- Students complete psychological research and apply their learning to real-world contexts.

WHERE COULD THIS COURSE TAKE ME?

This course supports progression to university, apprenticeships and careers across psychology, health, social care and public services. Relevant routes may include psychology, early years education, criminology, counselling and therapy, healthcare and nursing, social work, policing and forensic services.

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