THE WORTHGATE SCHOOL
CANTERBURY

COURSE DESCRIPTOR

UFP PSYCHOLOGY

SUBJECT OVERVIEW

Have you ever wondered why some people are frightened of snakes and other people think they are cuddly? Why do some people suffer from stress and mental illness and others don't? Are you interested in finding out what makes people 'tick'? If so, then Psychology is the subject for you. It is a science with cutting edge research that has real world application to everyday issues in life.

PRIOR LEARNING REQUIRED

An interest in and curiosity about human behaviour.
GCSE or equivalent
IELTS 5.5 or equivalent

COURSE CONTENT

Year 1
Unit 1 – Topics in Psychology **Unit 2** – Approaches and Research in Psychology

ASSESSMENT

Formal internal assessments take place once every half term and homework is set on a regular basis.

Grades are determined by four components internally assessed: three coursework components, and a controlled assessment.

Component	Type and length	Weighting
Coursework 1	Research Proposal - 16 marks Reflection – 8 marks	30% of the final grade
Coursework 2	Group Presentation – 20 marks Reflection – 4 marks	15% of the final grade
Coursework 3	Plan – 12 marks Applied Essay – 24 marks	25% of the final grade
Controlled Assessment	5 hours 48 marks written exam	30% of the final grade

TEXTBOOKS/REVISION GUIDES

Title	ISBN	Author
Psychology: The Science of Mind and Behaviour	978-1510468672	Richard Gross

Summaries of each unit, your notes and past examination papers will be your major source of revision.

HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

Psychology will enhance your skills in analysis and evaluation, essay writing and presentation work, and application of knowledge to current events, which are highly valued by universities and employers. Psychology is popular with students who wish to study Sociology, Criminology, and Behavioural Sciences at university and/or enter careers in Clinical Psychology and counselling, Marketing, Forensic Psychology, or Experimental Psychology.
Previous sociology students have gained acceptance in undergraduate courses in Psychology and other social sciences at prestigious Russell group universities.

COMPLEMENTARY SUBJECTS OF STUDY

History, Sociology; International Politics.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR

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