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Psychology

AGES AND LOCATIONS

Ages 13-15: Cambridge
Ages 16-18: Cambridge, Oxford, Singapore
Ages 15-18: London, Toronto, Sydney

Students are taught in separate age groups, with content and pace tailored to each.
Small classes, averaging 7 students.



COURSE INTRODUCTION

The science of mind and behaviour, covering the brain, perception, memory, personality, social influence, and wellbeing.

You'll learn how to design and run a study, interpret its findings, and present them as a scientific poster.

You'll leave with a completed personal project and a personalised tutor evaluation to draw on in university applications.



EXAMPLE TUTOR

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DPhil candidate in Psychology, University of Oxford (ESRC DTP and St John's scholarship); MPhil Psychology, University of Cambridge

Isobelle previously conducted psychology research at Harvard University, where she held a postgraduate research fellowship. At Cambridge she was affiliated with Trinity College.

Psychology sample syllabus

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WEEK ONE

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	**Introduction to psychology** Explore what psychologists study and the major branches of the field.	**The brain and behaviour** Study the nervous system, with a focus on the still-developing adolescent brain.	**Emotions and motivation** Examine how emotions are triggered, expressed, and regulated, and what drives us to act.	**Developmental psychology** Investigate how children think, learn, and understand the world as they grow.	**Personality and identity** Explore the Big Five traits and how self-concept develops during adolescence.
PM	**Tracing the history of psychology** Follow psychological thought from early philosophy through behaviourism and humanism to modern science.	**Sensation and perception** Use optical illusions to see how expectation, culture, and attention shape perception.	**Cognitive psychology and memory** Test how memories form, why we forget, and how we sometimes misremember.	**1:1 tutorial** Talk to your tutor about the areas of psychology that interest you most, and get suggestions for reading and resources to take them further.	**Moral psychology** Explore how people judge fairness and harm, and how social media shapes moral development.
		Creativity masterclass Explore divergent, convergent, and lateral thinking, then use SCAMPER to generate and pitch original ideas.		**Personal project supervision** Choose a topic for your personal project, plan your research, and start shaping your presentation.	

WEEK TWO

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM	**Social psychology: conformity and obedience** Experience through simulation how group pressure shapes individual decisions.	**Decision-making and Kahneman** Examine why we are not always rational and how bias shapes judgement.	**Comparative cognition** Ask whether human cognition is unique or shared with corvids and great apes.	**Positive psychology and resilience** Map your own strengths and build a personal resilience toolkit.	**Personal project presentations** Present your psychology personal project to your tutor and peers.
PM	**Group dynamics and intergroup relations** Examine social roles, authority, and relations between groups.	**Psychopathy and antisocial behaviour** Study empathy and the biological and social factors linked to psychopathy.	**The psychology of wellbeing** Explore mental health, stress, stigma, and evidence-based coping strategies.	**1:1 tutorial** Get feedback on your progress, and talk through your academic ambitions and the university courses and careers psychology can lead to.	**Personal project presentations (continued)** Respond to questions and discuss your peers' presentations.
	Critical thinking masterclass Examine the attention economy, echo chambers, logical fallacies, and cognitive bias, then debate a live issue.	**Guest speaker evening** Learn from an inspirational speaker from fields such as broadcasting, writing, philosophy, and sport, then question and debate.	**Personal project supervision** Finalise your research and slides and rehearse your presentation ready for Friday.		**Graduation ceremony** Certificates, speeches, and celebration.

Please note: this is an example syllabus and is subject to change.
Not shown: full evening and weekend social and cultural timetable.

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