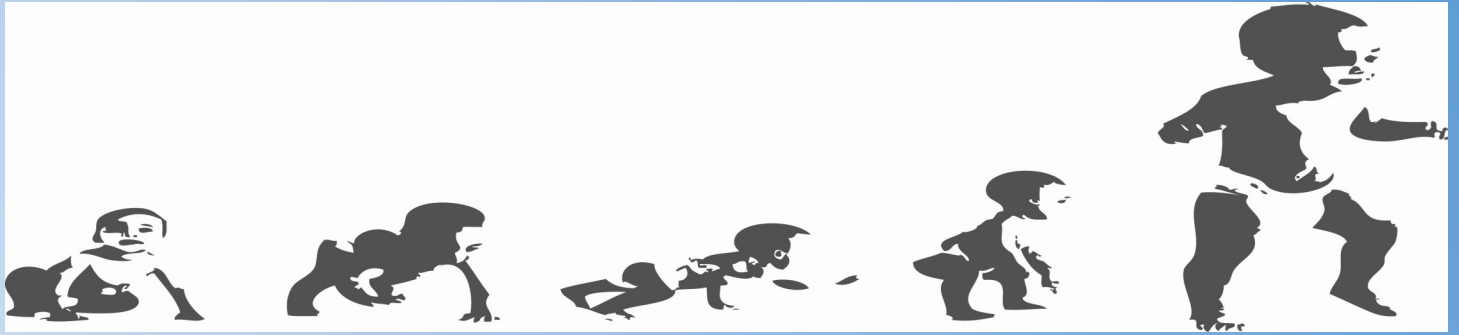


# Barnwell School

# BTEC Extended Certificate

# PSYCHOLOGY



## Achieving Excellence Together

Pearson BTEC Extended Certificate Applied Psychology .

Entry Requirements: Grade 4 in both English and Maths at GCSE Level. Also Grade 4 in GCSE Psychology if previously studied.

## Course Description

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and the mind. It offers a unique educational experience that develops a distinctive and broad set of skills. It's located in scientific method and allows scope for extensive evaluation from a range of perspectives.

The specification provides students with the exciting opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of psychology. They will have the opportunity to develop a wide-ranging set of key skills, including being able to communicate effectively using appropriate language, to interpret and critically assess scientific data, and to research and critically evaluate a range of sources. The acquisition of such a diverse range of skills will be of great benefit in further education, the workplace and society in general.

The course is made of up of 4 main units :

- Unit 1—Psychological Approaches
- Unit 2—Research Methods
- Unit 3—Health Psychology
- Unit 4—Criminal Psychology

### Method of Assessment

#### **2 exams:**

Unit 1—Psychological Approaches and application exam. 90 minute exam worth 72 marks.

Unit 3 Health Psychology exam— 2 hours exam worth 70 marks.

#### **2 coursework units—**

Unit 2— Research Methods—2 assignments which involve conducting a pilot study -

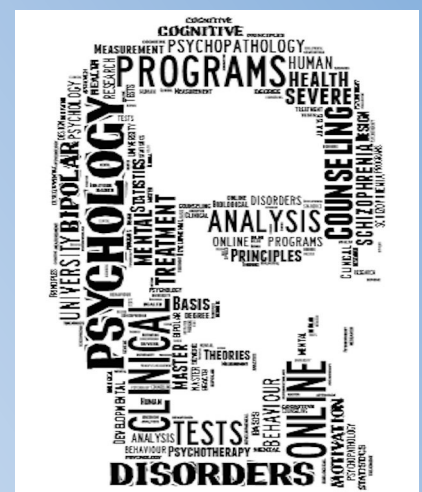
Unit 4—Criminal Psychology—2 assignments focusing on the causes of crime and offender profiling.

## Progression

Throughout the course of study learners are encouraged to develop an awareness of the role of psychology in society and its applications to many situations. The qualification is therefore suitable for learners intending to pursue any career in which an understanding of human behaviour is needed. The qualification is also suitable for any further study in social sciences, or as part of a course of general education.

### Progression Continued ....

There is an emphasis on research skills and enquiry in order to enable the learner to progress into higher levels of education. The specification therefore provides a suitable foundation for the study of psychology and/or related courses in Higher Education.



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