What do you particularly enjoy about studying A Level Psychology?

I like the fact that what you study in Psychology applies to real life, which allows you to develop a greater understanding of how our mind works. I particularly enjoy learning about different psychological disorders, such as Schizophrenia, and considering the potential causes of such illnesses.

How much work is involved? (hours in lessons / outside of lessons)

We have 2 lessons each week and each lesson is two hours long. Outside of lessons, it’s important to revise topics that we have already covered to ensure that we remember all of the content and fully understand the topic. It takes time but it’s worth it so that you feel more confident when sitting exams.

If you studied the subject at GCSE how different is studying it at A Level/BTEC Level 3?

I didn’t study Psychology at GCSE but some of the skills that you learn in other subjects at GCSE are used in A Level Psychology. For example, some exam questions use mathematical skills that you learn at GCSE and you have to write essays, which is similar to several GCSE subjects like History.
**How are you assessed and how regularly?**

After we have completed a topic we usually complete an assessment to ensure that we understand what we have learnt and to identify what we need to work on to improve for the next assessment. Being assessed regularly means that we have lots of practice to ensure that we are prepared for the final exams.

**What support have you received and is support available if you don’t understand something?**

Each week, we have an extra tutorial where we revisit topics that we have looked at earlier in the course that we found difficult or need to recap. The Psychology teachers are really supportive and are always happy to help if you don’t understand something.

**Have you received careers support and what are your future plans?**

The Careers support team were really helpful and gave me advice on work experience. I spent a week in a law firm, which allowed me to gain a greater understanding of what life as a solicitor is like. I have really enjoyed studying Psychology but I’m hoping to go to university to study Law as I would like to become a solicitor in the future.

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