

## BTEC Psychology Frequently Asked Questions

The majority of FAQs are answered in the course leaflet but here is some extra information -

### What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour.

### Do I need to have studied Psychology at GCSE?

No! Please do not worry if Psychology is completely new to you. Most students who study Psychology at Carmel College have never studied it before.

### Are there any exams?

Yes, the course is made up of a combination of course work and two externally assessed exams. One in year 12 and one in year 13.

### What topics will I study?

- Year 12: Unit 1 – Psychological Approaches & Applications

Assessed by External Exam in January of Year 12

The exam is 90 minutes long.

- Year 12: Unit 2 – Conducting Psychological Research

Assessed internally.

- Year 13: Unit 3 – Health Psychology

Assessed by External Exam in Year 13, this exam is 2 hours in duration.

- Year 13: Unit 4 – Optional Module

### What do I need to bring with me in September?

Organisation is central to success. We recommend that you have a file for each unit. However, you don't need all 4 files to begin with.

- Lever Arch file
- Stationery – Pens/pencils/ruler/highlighters
- A4 lined paper
- Lots of students find post it notes very helpful!
- Revision cards

### What text books do I need?

You do not need to buy a text book, however, if you would like to buy a text book we recommend:

