

Applied Psychology BTEC

Course Title: BTEC Level 3 Applied Psychology	LARS/QAN Code: 601/7436/5
Level: Three	Awarding Organisation: Pearson
Delivery: Classroom based	Start Date: September
Location: Headlands School	Url: http://www.headlandsschool.co.uk/
Cost: Covered by EFA funding	Duration: 2 years
Full-time or Part-time: Full-time	Attendance: Daytime
Who is the course for? Psychology is the scientific study of mental processes and behaviour. BTEC Applied Psychology works to develop analysis skills looking at case studies and their findings and applying them to everyday life. The course consists of three compulsory modules and one optional unit. The course requires the completion of two exam modules and two modules which are assessed through the assessment of coursework. Compulsory units include: Psychological approaches and application, research methods and health psychology. The additional units look at criminal forensic psychology, promoting children's psychological development, psychopathology and applied sports psychology.	
Entry requirements: Standard entry requirement for Vocational programme.	
What you'll learn: Psychology is the scientific study of mental processes and behaviour. Throughout the BTEC course you will become familiar with a range of psychological theories, the studies associated with them and how these can be utilised to explain the behaviour we see around us. In the first unit you will be introduced to the main approaches in Psychology and their applications. This acts as a springboard into unit two, which after learning key process you will complete your own investigation on a focus of your choosing. You will plan, conduct, analyse and evaluate the findings of your investigation. You will then move onto Health psychology looking at how theories can explain addiction and what can be done to overcome this. Finally you will complete one of the afore mentioned optional units.	
How you'll learn: Applied Psychology lessons are engaging and interactive. You will learn through a variety of teaching and learning activities including independent research, group work, creative activities, planning and designing your own psychological research studies and application of your knowledge to specialist branches and professions within Psychology.	
How you'll be assessed: Informal assessment will be on going throughout the course, using homework, timed essays and pre-public exams. Formal assessment will be completed at the end of unit 1 in year 12 and unit 3 in year 13. In addition to this there are two units of coursework which will be internally assessed and a sample sent to externally verify.	
Where next: An understanding of Psychology and human behaviour can be applied to most careers. Further study at university can lead to specific careers including Educational Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist and Clinic Psychologists.	