Course Title: Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology	
Entry requirements: GCSE Grade 4 in English and Mathematics	**Assessment:** 2 External exams 2 Pieces of coursework
Brief outline of the course	Interested in why people think, feel, and behave the way they do? The BTEC Extended Certificate in Applied Psychology is a hands-on course that lets you explore real-world issues like mental health, crime, and behaviour. You'll learn key psychological theories, carry out research, and apply your knowledge to practical situations. It's equivalent to one A Level and includes both coursework and exams. This course is great if you're thinking about a future in psychology, health, education, or social care.
Highlights	**Explore Real-Life Topics** – Study how psychology explains things like mental health, criminal behaviour, and relationships. **Hands-On Learning** – Mix of coursework and exams means you'll research, investigate, and apply psychology to real situations. **Understand Human Behaviour** – Learn why people think, feel, and act the way they do using real psychological theories. **Career-Focused** – Great preparation for jobs in healthcare, education, social work, and more. **Build Useful Skills** – Develop research, analysis, critical thinking, and communication skills employers and universities value.
Essential qualities/skills needed for the course	**Curiosity about People** **Good Communication Skills** **Organisation & Time Management** – Coursework deadlines and exam prep require you to stay on top of tasks. **Willingness to Research**
How to gain a top grade on this course	Apply theories to real-life situations, meet deadlines, and write clearly using key terms. Show critical thinking, use real examples, and act on feedback to improve your work.
Potential career links	• Mental Health Support Worker • Social Worker • Counsellor or Therapist • Youth or Family Support Worker • Teacher or SEN Specialist • Police Officer or Probation Officer • Human Resources or Occupational Health Advisor