

Subject: Psychology

Curriculum Intent:

The Psychology curriculum aims to inspire students to develop a deep understanding of human behaviour and social constructs. The curriculum is academically rigorous, incorporating scientific, mathematic and subject specific content in order to develop students as critical thinkers and evaluative learners. Learning is framed around the students understanding of the world around them and applying new knowledge to real world examples and experiences. All students will develop key skills such as analysis, discussion and evaluation and apply their knowledge to a variety of scenarios both inside and beyond the classroom to become truly independent learners, regardless of attainment/background.

The Psychology curriculum is meticulously planned to ensure progression is logically sequenced, allowing students to make synoptic links between topics they are studying to be able to develop a holistic view of Psychology over time. The Psychology department uses EWC to enhance academic and life skills by providing an excellent range of opportunities for all students to deepen their understanding of human behaviour beyond the classroom. All students are provided the opportunity to develop their cultural capital by interacting with contemporary psychologists, sampling careers and future studies within Psychology and to develop communication, planning and leadership skills through a peer mentoring system. We pride ourselves on preparing students to apply their knowledge and skills in all aspects of life, guiding them in their future career pathways.

Year 12 Topics

- Autumn Term – Social Influence, Approaches, Research Methods
- Spring Term – Psychopathology, Attachment Research methods
- Summer Term 1 – Memory, Biopsychology, Research methods
- Summer Term 2 – Biopsychology, Research methods

Year 13 Topics

- Autumn Term – Issues and debates, Relationships
- Spring Term – Schizophrenia, Forensic Psychology

A-Level Specification Details and Assessment

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>