

Curriculum Intent

Curriculum Vision | Psychology

The purpose of the Psychology curriculum is to ensure that all students are provided with the opportunity to access the AQA syllabus. Different styles of teaching are used to develop students understanding and enjoyment of the subject. Students are offered lots of opportunities to share their ideas with the rest of the class, developing confidence, language skills and critical thinking.

The Year 12/13 Psychology curriculum will support students in developing an understanding of psychological issues. It will highlight 'real world' applications. These skills will enable students to become more confident in their understanding of reasons behind behaviours and physiological/mental functioning.

All students

- We have high expectations of all our students and know that every student can experience success through the completion of an A Level in Psychology in part because Psychology is the study of the human mind and behaviour with real world application.
- Psychology advocates that every student regardless of any stratifying feature is entitled to achieve and succeed through a rigorous and varied curriculum that supported student's individual efforts and engagement beyond the taught curriculum.
- Our consistent use of student produced summary sheets, mind maps and independent activities during each topic ensures all students make progress, including those with SEND.
- We have a fundamental belief that all students are entitled to experience the richness and challenge of authentic material through delivery of a challenging curriculum underpinned by independent reading, research and personal opinion supported by Psychological theory.

Psychology will encourage students to:

- Develop an understanding of psychological approaches, how they can be applied to specific content and research techniques.
- acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of psychological research and theory.
- appreciate the significance of theoretical and conceptual issues in psychological debate
- understand and evaluate psychological methodology and a range of research methods through active involvement in the research process
- develop skills that enable individuals to focus on their personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society
- develop a lifelong interest in psychological research.

Successful navigation of the subject within the world

- Our Psychology curriculum aims to equip our students with skills necessary to be a holistic thinker, a confident researcher and apply theory to real world issues.
- Psychology also empowers our students to work in future fields as diverse as medicine, forensics, law, education, neuroscience, sports and exercise, therapy and law enforcement.

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