



Curriculum Intent: Psychology

Subject vision

Psychology provides students with the opportunity to explore human thinking and behaviour. The Psychology curriculum involves students learning about key psychological approaches, research and advances through history and considering the practical applications psychology has in society today. Psychology ensures that students are equipped with the necessary scientific knowledge, skills and vocabulary to develop a better understanding of the people around them as well as themselves.

We deliver our curriculum intent on a subject level by:

KS5- AQA Advanced-Level Psychology enables students to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues and be able to apply this knowledge in a range of contexts. Students are also given opportunities to analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods as well as being able to evaluate therapies and treatments, including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness.

In Psychology, students '**Achieve success**' by:

Encouraging high aspiration and a love of learning	Students are introduced to a wide variety of viewpoints from some of the most influential Psychologists throughout history. We study the impact that their work has had on the world we live in. Students are encouraged to understand the practical applications of research on the lives of people today in relation to a wide range of topics, including social change, attachments, relationships and psychopathology.
Maximising progress and potential	Psychology teachers discuss with their students the possible career destinations that studying psychology can lead to. These include in the fields of education, medicine, criminal justice, research and sports psychology. Many of our students go on to study Psychology at degree level and embark on careers in these fields.
Providing rewarding learning experiences	Critical thinking is essential to the study of Psychology. Students are constantly encouraged to question, analyse and evaluate psychological research. Students also gain experiences in carrying out and participating in research, providing them with hands on experience of psychological research.
Offering diverse opportunities	Students are given opportunities to explore a range of psychological topics and disciplines as well as given opportunities to work in groups,

	independently and extend thinking through access to articles and publications relating to psychology.
Recognising and celebrating all achievement	We cater for students across the whole spectrum of academic ability and celebrate the success of students in their written work and verbal contributions.

In Psychology, students '**Value Others**' by:

Contributing to a safe school environment	Psychology enables students to understand the important role that humans have in influencing each other, and how safe and nurturing experiences in life can lead to positive well-being and secure relationships.
Showing tolerance, respect and fairness	Psychology enables students to develop a greater understanding of factors that can contribute to the thinking, behaviours and actions of others. It enables us to understand how to treat people respectfully and appropriately in light of their upbringing, cognitive processes or health conditions.
Listening to and respecting others' views	In Psychology, students explore a range of perspectives and approaches to explaining human behaviour and in doing so understand the importance of listening to the diversity of views and explanations.
Appreciating and embracing diversity	Through exploring bias in research (culture bias and gender bias) students are aware of the importance of researching representative samples and ensuring that research findings reflect the diversity of people across society and the world.
Being an active member of our school and local community	Through topics such as 'Social Influence', students are encouraged to consider how they can make positive changes in society, using knowledge of key research to explore how positive social changes can be brought about.
Co-operating with others	Students often undertake group work in Psychology, developing skills in communication and collaboration.