

Our
Values



Pursuit
of Excellence



Value
our People



High Quality
Learning
Environment



Achievement
for all



Extending the
Boundaries
of Learning

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Key Stage 5 Psychology

Year 12



Curriculum aims

Our curriculum is built upon the AQA specification. This is designed to teach students the core studies and theories relevant to introductory psychology and teach students to apply theories and evaluate research. We will also develop students' skills in English through extended essay-writing.

Curriculum content

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

- **Introductory Psychology** – Social Influence, Memory, Attachment & Psychopathology.
- **Psychology in Context** – Approaches in Psychology and Introductory Research Methods.

Curriculum Delivery

There will be nine taught hours per fortnight in the department. Lessons will be based on extending thinking with stretch & challenge tasks, after pre-lesson reading as flipped learning. This allows more time for exam practice.

Year 13



In year 13, we build upon psychological thinking by covering a few areas in more specific depth, like Relationships & Forensic Psychology. We develop our students' writing skills further with more essay-writing practice and greater research skills.

- **Psychology in Context** – Biopsychology and Advanced Research Methods.
- **Issues & Topics in Psychology** – Issues & Debates, Relationships Psychology, Schizophrenia & Forensic Psychology

There will be a mix of learning styles incorporated into the curriculum like booklets, worksheets, written notes and mindmaps. There will be plenty of opportunities for extra exam practice and essay writing and there will be lots of learning by research outside of the lessons.