

*Respect.
Resilience.
Responsibility...*



PSYCHOLOGY INTENT

PROMISE #1 ETHOS & VALUES

The Psychology Department aims to develop understanding of brain development and function. We encourage a critical approach to topics, probing and questioning theories, studies and experiments and being able to evaluate in detail theory and studies. Through their psychology lessons, students have opportunities to explore the function of the brain from their own classroom, as they investigate case studies from the UK, Europe, and the wider world. Students are also encouraged to understand their own role in society, through the careful consideration of different cultures, viewpoints and values, while exploring different theoretical perspective in psychology.

We want to create successful learners who progress and achieve, considerate individuals who lead safe and healthy lives and responsible citizens who make a positive contribution to society.

PROMISE #2 SKILLS & KNOWLEGE

Psychology encourages the development of a wide range of transferable skills. Students of Psychology should be capable of doing all of the following:

- You can understand what motivates people, what they think and how they feel.
- You are able to gather and read different kinds of information.
- You can analyse theory, studies and experiments.
- You are able to understand how psychology affects everyday life.
- You are able to communicate clearly and effectively, both verbally and in writing.
- You are able present arguments and consider different viewpoints.
- You are able to use specialised subject specific language in all verbal and written work.
- You are able to use and develop maths skills through analysing data on graphs and charts.
- You will use specialist equipment and ICT.

PROMISE #3 COURSES & QUALIFICATIONS

Key Stage 3

All students study Psychology at Key Stage 3, enabling them to investigate a variety of aspects of the human brain. Students explore areas as varied as Crime, Memory, Research Methods, Brain Structure and Psychological Problems.

Key Stage 4

At Key Stage 4, students complete a full GCSE qualification in Psychology, with examinations taking place at the end of Year 11; They will sit examinations at the end of Year 11:

- Paper 1: Core subjects, 5 topics, exam duration 1 hour 45 minutes (55% of GCSE);
- Paper 2: Two optional subjects plus Research Methods; exam duration 1 hour 20 minutes (45% of GCSE);

During the course, students will investigate studies such as:

Reconstructive memory after reading a complex and unfamiliar study.

Whether young children are egocentric, or if they can see someone else's viewpoint.

The impact neurological damage can have on the brain.

PROMISE #4 Where this will take me in the future...

The study of Psychology lets you develop skills which could lead to many different career choices. Some examples of careers you could choose are:

Administration, Broadcasting, Civil Service, Diplomatic Service, Child Psychology, Counselling, Education, Law, Media, Teaching, Public Relations, Human Resources, Journalist, Legal Executive, Police, Politics, Publishing, Sales and Marketing, Solicitor, Recruitment, Prison Service, the opportunities are endless...

Psychology is accepted by almost all employers and universities as the wide range of skills and knowledge provided allows the student to develop as an individual. Most universities offer courses featuring this subject to give students the opportunity for further development.