

Psychology

Welcome to Psychology!

Core values and Vision of Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. It is related to all aspects of life. Students analyse why we behave in the way that we do which helps us to understand people's actions, morals and beliefs.

As part of the course you will investigate schizophrenia, memory, aggression, brain structure and factors influencing eyewitness testimony and jury decision making, attachment, social influence including Nazi Germany, obedience and conformity, relationships, OCD, Depression and types of Psychological treatment including drug therapies and counselling.

The course will enable students to develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other and appreciate how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

Key stage 4 curriculum

At GCSE we study Memory, Perception, Development, Research Methods, Social Influence, Brain and Neuropsychology, Language, Thought and Communication and Psychological Problems

Key stage 5 curriculum

At A-Level we follow the AQA specification. The course is taught for 8 hours per fortnight. The 2 psychology teachers teach different topics within the specification content at any one time. Students study Social Influence, Memory, Attachment, Psychopathology, Approaches, Biopsychology, Schizophrenia, Relationships, Issues, Debates and Arguments, Aggression and Research Methods. This is assessed by 3 x 2 hour exams.

Enrichment opportunities and Extra Curricular

Following graduation, past students have entered, amongst others, the following careers: teaching, criminology, forensic science, counselling, medicine, management, marketing, BBC, psychologist, civil service, nursing, social work, youth work, journalism and law. A high number of students continue their studies by following courses such as: Psychology, Sociology, Social Science, Criminology, Forensic Psychology, Forensic Science, Social Work, Childhood and Youth Studies, Primary Education, Sports Psychology and Counselling.

The department aims to run psychology trips which are used to enrich students' learning or enhance their exam skills. These include a psychological conference where students watch a talk from Zimbardo, one of the most well known psychologists in the world. Also we aim to run trips through AQA which are used to boost exam skills. In addition to this we also run a trip to the Freud museum.

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