



Psychology

Head of Subject: Mrs J Fellowes

Aims

GCSE psychology will enable students to:

- use specialist vocabulary, psychological concepts, terminology and convention to engage in the process of psychological enquiry
- use psychological literacy that enables them to apply their knowledge and skills in their everyday lives, including making informed decisions about further study and career choices.
- acquire knowledge and understanding of psychology, developing an understanding of self and others, and how psychological understanding can help to explain everyday social phenomena
- understand how psychological research is conducted, including the role of scientific method and data analysis
- to carry out ethical, investigative activities appropriate for the study of psychology at this level.
- present information, develop arguments and draw conclusions through a critical approach to psychological evidence, developing as reflective thinkers
- develop an understanding of the relationship between psychology and personal, moral, social and cultural issues, and develop an understanding of ethical issues in psychology
- develop an understanding of psychological issues, the contribution of psychology to individual, social and cultural diversity, and how psychology contributes to society

Requirements:

As this is a new subject there is no previous experience needed. A sound knowledge of English, mathematics and biology are recommended.

Exam Board: AQA

What will I study?

Cognition and behaviour

- Memory
- Perception
- Development
- Research Methods

Social context and behaviour

- Social influence
- Language, thought and communication
- Brain and neuropsychology
- Psychological problems

How will I be assessed?

Paper 1: Cognition and development: written exam (combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended response questions), 1hr 45mins, 50% of the GCSE.

Paper 2: Social context and behaviour: written exam (combination of multiple choice, short answer and extended response questions), 1hr 45mins, 50% of the GCSE.

Further information & extra-curricular opportunities

Over the two-year course, students will be given the opportunity to attend guest lectures from external speakers and engage with a vast range of wider reading to take their knowledge beyond the specification.