

Curriculum Overview: Psychology

We want our pupils to:

- Provide students with a broad and balanced understanding of psychological theories, research methods, and real-life applications.
- Encourage critical thinking by evaluating psychological studies and exploring contrasting perspectives within topics such as memory, development, social influence, and mental health.
- Develop scientific literacy by teaching research methods, including data collection, analysis, and interpretation, empowering students to become informed participants in society.
- Foster empathy and self-awareness through the exploration of individual differences, such as the effects of early brain development, personality, and the influence of culture on behaviour.
- Prepare students for future study by building foundational knowledge and skills required for studies.
- Promote transferable skills such as analytical thinking, data handling, extended writing, and independent research.
- Encourage ethical awareness and respect for diversity through discussions about psychological research ethics and the treatment of participants.
- Support all learners in accessing and engaging with the content through inclusive teaching strategies and differentiated materials.
- Inspire curiosity about human behaviour and mental processes, sparking a lifelong interest in psychological enquiry.

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
10	Developmental Psychology	Memory	Memory Psychological Problems	Psychological problems Neuropsychology	Neuropsychology	Social Influence
11	Self	Self Criminal	Criminal Research Methods	Research Methods Revision	Revision	Perception

KS4 Qualification Information

Pupils will study the Edexcel GCSE Specification. They will sit externally assessed exams at the end of Year 11.