

KS5 Curriculum Overview 2023/24

Department: Psychology

Description of KS5 Curriculum:

The purpose of our curriculum is to broaden students' horizons in a subject that they have never studied prior to A Level, therefore challenging students with new knowledge. This AQA A Level qualification offers an engaging and effective introduction to Psychology. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject including key beliefs through the approaches and issues and debates. Students will develop skills valued by Higher Education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research methods.

Students develop a broad range of substantive knowledge, including the different psychological perspectives, an understanding of how people relate to each other in society, an understanding of biological and psychological processes and behaviours. Students learn broad practical applications from the theory, a greater awareness of the human condition and how best to approach and treat a range of human behaviours using biological and psychological therapies. Disciplinary knowledge is developed through skills of assessment and the methods employed by psychologists.

Sequence of Learning:

KS5	Term 1 Content	Term 2 Content	Term 3 Content
Year 12	Paper 2: Approaches, Research Methods Paper 3: Issues and Debates topics	Paper 2: Research Methods Paper 3: Cognition and Development, Schizophrenia and Forensic topics	Paper 3: Forensic Psychology, Paper 2: Research Methods and revision of topics learnt
Year 13	Paper 1: Forensic Psychology, Social Influence and Memory topics Paper 2: Research Methods	Paper 1: Attachment and Psychopathology Paper 2: Biopsychology and Research Methods, topics	Paper 2: Biopsychology, Research Methods Revision of all topics