

## Whole school curriculum principles

1. The core, foundation knowledge in each discipline				
2. Opportunities for reading and development of Tier 2/3 vocabulary, writing styles and text types				
3 The numerical concepts used within each discipline.	4 The practical and cognitive skills inherent to each discipline.	5 The key timelines, theories and figures within each discipline	6 Exposure to and consideration of diverse perspectives	7 Knowledge of how each discipline has impact on the modern and future world.
8. learning to be responsible for ourselves and our future		9. learning to be responsible for our community		10. Learning to consider our global and environmental responsibilities

## Key Stage 4 (Years 10-11)

GCSE Psychology offers students an engaging and accessible introduction to understanding human behaviour. The course develops a wide range of valuable skills, including critical analysis, independent thinking, research methods, communication and data-handling. These skills are highly transferable and relevant to many future pathways.

Students explore key areas of psychology while also drawing on biology, mathematical skills and scientific enquiry, helping them to think logically and evaluate evidence effectively. Throughout the course, students apply psychological concepts to real-world scenarios—skills that are essential in careers involving people, communication and problem-solving.

GCSE Psychology provides an excellent foundation for a broad range of future roles, including health and social care, education, policing, business, marketing, counselling and clinical or forensic psychology. It also prepares students well for progression to A-level Psychology, where these skills are developed further.

# Psychology

## Key Stage 5 (Years 12-13)

A-level Psychology builds on the knowledge and skills gained at GCSE, offering students a deeper, more analytical understanding of human behaviour. The course blends scientific research, statistics, and the application of complex psychological theories, encouraging students to think critically, debate ideas, and evaluate evidence with academic rigour.

Students study a wide range of approaches—biological, cognitive, developmental and social psychology—developing insights relevant to many professional fields. Research methods and synoptic thinking are embedded throughout, enabling students to make connections across topics and apply psychology in sophisticated, career-relevant ways.

A-level Psychology opens pathways to numerous careers, including clinical psychology, mental health services, criminology, policing, social work, education, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, human resources, marketing, business leadership, and research-based roles. Many of our students progress to psychology degrees or related disciplines at university.

The course provides a coherent, academically robust and intellectually stimulating preparation for both higher education and a wide variety of people-focused careers.