



Subject

Psychology

Curriculum Lead

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The perfect normal person is rare in  
our civilization.

— *Karen Horney* —

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## Curriculum Intent Summary:

Psychology can be defined as 'The Science of Mind and Behaviour'.

The KS5 A Level Psychology and BTEC Applied Psychology Curriculum is designed to promote independence in every learner, enabling them to reach their full potential, whilst preparing them for their future higher education and careers choices. We aim to equip students with the appropriate knowledge, skills and vocabulary needed to be able to understand and explain the causes of human behaviour. Student independence is achieved through flipped learning; collaborative classroom learning; using digital resources such as Seneca and providing students with opportunities to self-monitor, assess and set learning goals. Students will develop their critical thinking skills and confidence in reaching logical conclusions based on scientific evidence. This will allow them to develop skills and thrive, not only in Psychology, but to wider areas of the school, and beyond.

The A level Psychology course will:

- develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other
- develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods
- develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills
- develop their interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject
- understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

The BTEC Applied Psychology course, as well as the above, will:

- provide employability skills, such as cognitive and problem-solving skills, interpersonal skills and intrapersonal skills
- provide transferable knowledge and skills for higher education such as reading technical texts, effective writing and analytical skills, creative development and preparation for assessment methods used in a degree