

Curriculum Intent, Implementation and Impact 2019-20

Subject: **Psychology OCR**

Year group: **9**

Periods per fortnight: **5**

INTENT:

The Psychology curriculum at KS4 aims to provide students with an understanding of how to conduct research in Psychology to test theories about behaviour. The curriculum also aims to develop students understanding about theirs and others behaviour, looking at introducing theories of specific behaviours such as criminal behaviour and depression.

Students should be able to outline core theories to explain criminal behaviour, how we develop from birth to old age, depression, schizophrenia, sleep and dreaming behaviour, memory and social influences on behaviours. Students should also be able to understand how and conduct their own research to test their own theories of behaviour.

Through studying Psychology students should develop an understanding of others and be able to apply their knowledge outside of the classroom to explain situations they come across in real life. For example, using their understanding of growth mindset to help improve their own academic success across all subjects. Students should become accepting of others despite individual differences and be role models in promoting good mental health and wellbeing amongst their peers.

It is the intention that students will develop empathy, integrity and respect by understanding others and why they may act the way they do because of factors outside of their control as well as looking at how some behaviours can be influenced by ourselves as well. Students will have the opportunity to share and teach others about mental health and promote talking about our mental health and to be vocal about eliminating the stigma and discrimination around mental health. Students will learn about ethical considerations and the implications of being unethical in research to promote integrity in the research process and how we should treat others. Students can expect to be challenged and supported in tackling challenging issues and topics to build curiosity, resilience, confidence and ambition. High expectations from teachers will help to model resilience and ambition from students. Furthermore, wider reading opportunities and extended learning will help to promote curiosity and a love for Psychology.

The intent is for all students to be successful in Psychology, whilst recognising that some individuals require a little more support at times than others. Students will have access to writing frames to help with structure and quality of extended writing. There will be opportunities for students to have access to A Level material to extend their knowledge of research. Some students will have access to funding to enable them to have access to textbooks and/or revision guides at home. It is the intent that the Psychology curriculum will be delivered through a variety of activities and styles that will suit a wide range of learners.

IMPLEMENTATION:

Term	Topics studied Add dates and any assessments included	Extended learning opportunities (homework, controlled assessments, field work, trips etc.)	How parents could support students
Autumn Term			
Spring Term			
Summer Term			

IMPACT:

Students will demonstrate that they can conduct research and plan research through being able to achieve their MEG's or better on assessments throughout the year

Students will demonstrate resilience in being able to identify not only where they were successful on an assessment but how they can improve. Their ambition to achieve will be shown in an improvement in their assessments over the term of the Psychology course.

Students will demonstrate integrity and curiosity by completing extended learning to deadlines. Curiosity will be shown when students complete wider reading tasks around the topics being covered.

Students will show ambition and respect through the presentation of their work in books being neat and tidy, as well as demonstrating the progress they have made in Psychology over the year.

Students will confidently participate in psychological discussion being mindful of and respectful of their peer's opinions. They will be able to do this in an empathetic way by considering all viewpoints and analysing these in their critiques of psychological theory.