

Overall intent statement

Our ambitious, knowledge-rich and engaging A Level Psychology curriculum allows students to master the foundations of the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. From the formation of memories through to the functioning of the central and peripheral nervous system, neurotransmitters and hormones. Through different knowledge acquisition and retrieval techniques, students become confident in articulating key theoretical concepts and approaches in Psychology, whilst appreciating the methods psychologists use when conducting research. Knowledge and skills developed in Psychology lessons are useful for any job that requires lots of interaction or an understanding of human behaviour and development. People with skills in psychology are sought after in business, management, teaching, research, social work and careers in medicine and healthcare, amongst many.

Our ambitious, knowledge-rich and engaging GCSE and A Level Sociology curriculum teaches students to recognise how people fit into the world and how others perceive them. It raises awareness that there are many different kinds of people in the world who do not necessarily think and behave in similar ways. Study of Sociology increases students' willingness and ability to try to see the world from other people's perspectives. This prepares them to live and work in an increasingly diverse and integrated world.

Intent statements by Key Stage

	Subject-based curriculum
Key Stage 4	<p>Sociology</p> <p>Our GCSE level Sociology curriculum allows students to gain confidence in understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification. Students develop their resilience in tackling complex topics and communication skills when comparing and contrasting perspectives on a variety of social issues, constructing reasoned arguments, making judgements and drawing conclusions. Study of GCSE Sociology not only develops transferable skills needed for further study of A level Sociology and other Level 3 qualifications, but also broadens students' minds, enabling them to see their world in new and thought-provoking ways.</p>
Key Stage 5	<p>Sociology</p> <p>Our ambitious, knowledge-rich and engaging A Level Sociology curriculum allows students to explore how humans are socialised and contribute to society. The course investigates all aspects of social life ranging from the experiences of individuals, large groups, societies as a whole and influence of globalisation. Students develop tolerance, empathy and respect by studying complex societal issues and analysing aspects of the social world in which we live. This course has particular value for students wishing to pursue careers which involve understanding people and require the ability to organise, research and analyse information. It is therefore relevant to careers in law, the police, business, management, teaching, research, social work, healthcare and careers in media/journalism and market research, amongst many.</p>