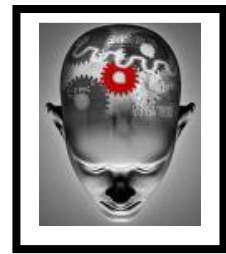


## GCSE Psychology



### What is Psychology?



Psychology is about the study of both the mind and behaviour. We believe it is an important subject because it asks questions about who we are and why we are different.



### What will I study in Psychology?

Some of our material at GCSE level includes:



- ❑ Stereotyping, discrimination and prejudice
- ❑ Morality, pro-social behaviour and aggression (anti-social behaviour)
- ❑ Perception, memory and learning
- ❑ Gender development, parenting and child development

### How are the Psychology lessons taught?

All students will receive a booklet that covers each topic area for the exam. Lessons are delivered working from these booklets; ensuring students are always organised, up to date with work and encourages independent learning and discussions. Within lessons a variety of activities and resources are always employed.

### How is the course assessed?



The examination board for GCSE Psychology is AQA. There is one 1 hour 30 minutes GCSE exam at the end of Year 10, assessing unit one, which is worth 50% of the overall GCSE grade. There is a second exam at the end of Year 11, assessing unit two, which is also 1 hour 30 minutes and makes up the other 50% of the final GCSE grade. There is no coursework for this GCSE subject.

### How am I assessed in lessons?

Students will complete 6 student tracking tests (STT) over the two year period in preparation for the GCSE exams at the end of Year 10 and 11. This internal assessment enables the monitoring of student's progress and achievement. All home work and class work will be assessed using the student's General Challenge grades to ensure students are working to the best of their ability.



### Why should I study GCSE Psychology?

Psychology will help to improve and develop a range of skills from verbal communication to critical analysis within written work. It will teach you to recognise two sides of an argument, to form a discussion and to think outside of the box.



### What course/career can Psychology lead onto?

Psychology is a very useful subject and can assist in many different courses or fields of employment. The verbal, analytical and evaluative skills that students develop can be applied to many areas such as -

- ❑ A wide range of university degrees and courses
- ❑ Educational employment/educational psychologist
- ❑ Social work/NHS employment
- ❑ Childcare/child developmental psychologist
- ❑ Managerial roles/team players and many, many more.

### How can I support my child?

- ❑ Watching TV documentaries which are relevant to Psychological topics are very useful in developing student's understanding of the subject further.
- ❑ Talking to your son/daughter about the topics they are studying and asking them to describe some of the interesting studies they will cover, will help them remember through rehearsal.
- ❑ Helping to test your son/daughter on key terms etc in preparation for the student tracking tests.

The textbook we use is called - *Understanding GCSE Psychology, Second Edition*, written by **Barbara Woods**. This is the book we recommend to buy if required, however this is not essential.

**For further information** - please do not hesitate to contact a member of our GCSE Psychology department, Mrs Masher, Mr Pickwell or Mrs Williamson.