

Psychology KS4

The educational purpose of Psychology is to enhance students' awareness about themselves and others. Studying Psychology encourages students to be more empathic and understanding of others, by challenging judgmental and prejudiced attitudes. Students will be taught to understand the world through the lens of psychology. this will help Students in all areas of their lives by improving their interactions with other people and enhancing their ability to understand and regulate their own emotions and behaviour. and in doing so become successful independent learners.

We imbed the Catholic Ethos by supporting the development empathy and tolerance. We encourage students to apply their knowledge outside the classroom by focusing on character enhancing experiences.

| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
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| Yr10 | Research methods | Criminal Psychology | Psychological problems |
| | The knowledge and understanding of the features of | Knowledge and understanding of the core theories of | Students will learn how to define mental disorders. |
| | planning research and the associated strengths and | criminal behaviour and well as their limitations. | They will then learn and understand theories |
| | weaknesses where appropriate | Knowledge and understanding of the core studies of | explaining schizophrenia and depression. They will |
| | The knowledge and understanding of the features of | criminal psychology as well as their limitations. Students | then evaluate the theories in relation to how well |
| | conducting research and the associated strengths and | will be introduced to evaluative and analysis skills | they can explain abnormalities. Students will then |
| | weaknesses including reliability and validity and the type | | apply their knowledge to treatments used in |
| | of research objectives for which they are most suitable. | | healthcare |
| | Ability to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of | Development | 12 march and attack |
| | the process and procedures involved in the collection, | Students will cover the work of Jean Piaget and his | 13-mark questions |
| | construction, interpretation, analysis and representation of data. | influence on the education system. They will learn two | Students will draw form their paper 1 knowledge to |
| | | core theories as well as studies then apply their knowledge to the education system | compare and contrast theories, studies and methods. |
| | Criminal psychology | | |
| | Different types of crime and how crime is viewed as a | | |
| | social construct. The knowledge and understanding of | | |
| | how crime is measured as well as the strengths and | | |
| | weakness of the respective methods | | |
| | Assessment 1: Research methods from paper 1 | Assessment 1: Criminal section of paper with interleaved | Assessment 1: Psychological problems section of |
| | | research methods questions | paper 1 |
| | | | Assessment 2: Timed 13-mark question |



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| | Assessment 2: Paper 1, criminal section, short answer questions | Assessment 2: Criminal, development and research methods sections of paper 1 | Assessment 2: Mock Exam – Full paper 1 |
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| | Autumn Term | Spring Term | Summer Term |
| | Social influence | Memory | Revision of paper 1 |
| | Key concepts of conformity, crowd behaviour, | theory of Reconstructive Memory, techniques used | Revision of paper 2 |
| | obedience, explanations of social influence - | for memory recall. | Students will consolidate the knowledge that |
| | situational & dispositional, Bickman's research, NatCen study into London riots. | Sleep and dreaming | they have learnt throughout years 10 and 11 in |
| | | Functions, features and benefits of sleep, causes of | order to compare and contrast theories from |
| | Memory | sleep disorders, Freudian Theory of Dreaming, | different topics using the debates and issues |
| Yr11 | Information processing, types of forgetting, multi- | Research Study – Freud (1918): dream analysis study | they have learned throughout the course. The |
| | store model of memory, | of 'The Wolfman', Activation Synthesis Theory of | focus will be on application of knowledge, |
| | | Dreaming: Features of insomnia | developing key skills and making synoptic links |
| | Assessment 1: Paper 2 social influence section | Assessment 1: Paper 2 – Memory/ Sleep and dreaming | Summer Examinations |
| | Assessment 2: Mock Exams | | |
| | Students sit two exam papers: Full paper 1, half of paper | Assessment 2: Mock Exams | |
| | 2 – Social influence, memory and research methods. | Students two exam papers in full: paper 1 and paper 2 | |
| | | Sat in examination conditions | |