



PSYCHOLOGY TEAM

A-level Psychology is a highly popular subject choice across our diverse student population and as a result the Psychology department is one the largest Curriculum areas in the College, consisting of 8 full and part time members of staff, teaching approximately 29 sets across two year groups.

The course provision is:

A-Level Psychology - this is taught under the AQA specification, electing to teach gender, schizophrenia and forensics for paper 3.

Opportunities are offered to students outside the curriculum area through the running of the Psychology Research School, an initiative in which students have the opportunity to work with outstanding local universities, investigate the science behind Psychology and ultimately produce their own research on the way to achieving an extended project qualification.

Members of the Psychology team are friendly and open and have a culture of seeking and sharing best practice. All teachers are given responsibility to lead on aspects of the specification and as a result all benefit from each other's preparation, resources and expertise.

Teachers can expect full support from a Curriculum Leader and Assistant Curriculum Leader, who deliver weekly team meetings that take place during the college day. Team meetings provide an opportunity for planning, and discussion of teaching, learning and assessment strategies.

We are a strong team with a proud record of positive value added; student progress is at the heart of all that we do. Our focus on teaching, learning & assessment has been instrumental in supporting positive student outcomes and we welcome the fresh ideas, impetus, and strategies new members to the team can bring.

Each curriculum team works closely with a Curriculum Assistant Principal. Evidence-informed teaching, learning and assessment strategies is at the heart of curriculum planning within the college.