



St Laurence School
Psychology & Sociology Department

The Psychology & Sociology department consists of part-time and full-time staff delivering AQA Psychology and Sociology. Staff have a wealth of experiences and expertise in teaching and delivering Psychology and Sociology. Both subjects are taught at A-Level only, which means we have a range of students and abilities on the courses. Year 12 classes and year 13 classes receive nine lessons over a two-week timetable and each lesson is 60 minutes long. The teaching of each class is shared between two members of staff, in both Psychology and Sociology.

Psychology and Sociology continue to be popular A-Level options, with Psychology being one of the largest A-Level subjects at St-Laurence. In addition, a number of our students go on to study Psychology and Sociology at university level. There are currently three classes in year 12 and three classes in year 13. The department has followed the AQA specification in both subjects for a number of years. This year the optional topics that have been chosen are gender, schizophrenia and aggression in Psychology and family and households and global development, in Sociology.

There are a wide range of enrichment opportunities available to our Psychology and Sociology students. These have involved various student revision conferences, student conferences to listen to speakers such as Dr Philip Zimbardo and an annual joint trip with the Philosophy department to Poland to visit various Holocaust sites. Additionally, students have access to Psychology and Sociology review and the British Psychological Society, 'The Psychologist' magazine.

The Psychology and Sociology Department maintains the expectation of high standards with a strong ethos of promoting a genuine enthusiasm for the subjects and for learning among our students. With the range of staff expertise and experiences, there is a continued focus on sharing and improving on good practice amongst the team.

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