

Psychology at County Upper

Key Stage 5



Curriculum Aims

Psychology curriculum aims to encourage students to:

- develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other
- develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods
- develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problemsolving skills
- develop their interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject
- understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

What will you see in psychology lessons?

Psychology aims to provide the students with the skills to tackle the courses three main assessment objects.

- AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures.
- AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures:
 - o in a theoretical context
 - o in a practical context
 - o when handling qualitative data
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- AO3: Analyse, interpret and evaluate scientific information, ideas and evidence, including in relation to issues, to:
 - make judgements and reach conclusions
 - develop and refine practical design and procedures.

What will you see in students' psychology books?

Pupils are issued with a work booklet for each topic included in the Psychology course These booklets include:

- All of the subject content notes that are available in the published text books,
- Space available for students to make additional notes.
- A range of work activities that allow application of psychology principles to real life situations,
- Mock questions which aim to consolidate learning and provide formative assessment,
- Links to additional content or areas of psychology not included in the syllabus content.

Curriculum Content and sequencing

Year 1

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology
- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods

What formative assessment will you see in psychology?

All lessons should begin with an introduction that uses some sort of formative assessment relating to previous lessons

This could be in the form of:

- Reciprocal learning/verbal peer assessment questions
- Self-check questions
- Teacher led Q&A

What is the faculty currently reading and discussing and why?

We are currently reading:

A Brief History of Everyone Who Ever Lived - Adam Rutherford.

Links with the evolutionary approach to psychology and the genetic approach to schizophrenia.

The Fear Bubble - Ant Middleton.

Year 2

- Stress
- Schizophrenia
- Gender
- Relationships
- Addiction
 Forensic Psychology
 Issues and Debates

Short Quizzes

These styles should continue throughout the lesson, with elaborative interrogation encouraged between pairs or in class discussions.

Student work booklets all contain example exam questions which can be used for formative assessments, as well as peer and self-assessment.

Plenary can also include quiz games to consolidate learning or to incorporate interleaved practice and to assess earlier covered content. Links with cognitive approaches to phobias/anxiety disorders. Direct links with exam stress techniques.

The Art of Resilience - Ross Edgely Links with cognitive treatments of stress and anxiety. Application of General Adaptation Syndrome and effects of sleep on mental health.