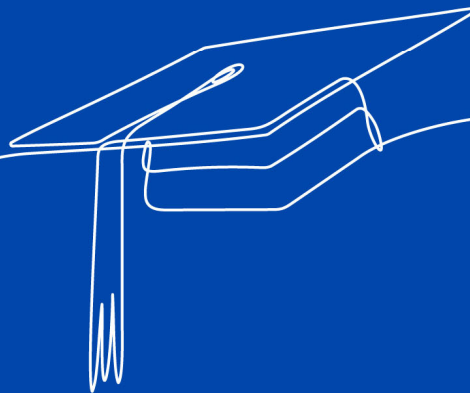




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Psychology curriculum overview



Psychology at Sandymoor Ormiston Academy

Key stage 4, Years 10 and 11

Curriculum intent here.

Pupils will develop an understanding of the scientific study of human behaviour and mental processes. They will learn to apply core psychological concepts and theories to explain human behaviour, whilst developing their knowledge of key topics including Memory, Perception, Development, Research methods, Social influence, Language, thought and communication, the Brain and neuropsychology, and Psychological problems.

Pupils will learn to think critically, evaluate evidence, analyse research and construct well-reasoned responses using subject-specific terminology accurately and confidently. They will develop an understanding of how psychological research is conducted and will learn to assess the strengths, limitations and ethical considerations of different research methods. Through engaging with a range of seminal psychological studies and theories, pupils will become more informed about the factors that influence human behaviour and the complexities of human experience.

As well as leaving KS4 with a strong qualification in GCSE Psychology, our intent is that this curriculum develops pupils' curiosity about themselves and others, strengthens their analytical and evaluative skills, and equips them with the knowledge and critical thinking abilities that will support future study and a wide range of careers, including those in education, healthcare, social sciences, business, law and public services.

GCSE course information

Exam board	AQA
Course	GCSE Psychology 8182
Specification and resources	GCSE Psychology 8182 Specification AQA

Year 10

In Year 10, students are introduced to the core principles of research methods which allows them to explore psychological theories and studies using correct terminology such as independent variable, dependent variable, extraneous variable, experimental design, type of experiment, sampling methods and computation that enables studies to be analysed.

Throughout each unit, these core principles will routinely be used in application tasks to replicate exam content.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Memory	Memory	Perception	Perception	Development	Development
Research Methods	Research Methods	Research Methods			

Assessments will take place in April and we will share revision information a few weeks before each assessment.

Year 11

Year 11 introduces four new units and continues to build on the core principles taught in Year 10.

Throughout each unit, these core principles will routinely be used in application tasks to replicate exam content.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Social Influence	Language, thought and communication	Brain and Neuropsychology	Psychological problems	<i>Exams</i>	<i>Exams</i>

Mocks will take place in November and February and we will share revision information a few weeks before each assessment.