



Psychology

Room: 4

What the Students Say

'Psychology opens your mind. It allows you to think of areas you wouldn't normally look at'.

'It isn't like any other subject because it has such a wide range of studies to learn - it is a really interesting subject'

What Is This Course About?

"How can people think so differently from me? ... Why do people behave differently to me?"

If these are questions you ask yourself then Psychology is the subject for you! Psychology investigates behaviour and experience, with the aim of trying to explain and predict behaviour. The course is designed for individuals with no previous experience of the subject and is aimed at people with a desire to learn and an enthusiasm for Psychology.

What Will I Learn?

Psychology is a very academic subject and will require development of critical thinking skills. This will involve carefully thinking about the issues that are raised. For example, being able to spot flaws in the way researchers have conducted their experiments or be able to think about practical applications that have arisen from the research studied.

In Year 12 you will investigate introductory topics in Psychology such as social influence, memory, Psychopathology and attachment. You will also study the origins of Psychology and the basic assumptions of behaviour according to the different fields of Psychology. This year also covers research methods in detail, exploring and evaluating how research is collected and analysing it. In this new subject you will utilise your GCSE Maths skills.

In Year 13 you will investigate in depth issues and debates, and study core areas of Psychology such as, Relationships, Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology.

There is no coursework, but during the Year 12 course you will have the opportunity to conduct your own practical investigations to prepare you for your exams and gain greater understanding of methodologies.



Where Will It Take Me?

Psychologists work in a wide range of professional areas; these may be in the health or forensic profession, or in psychological research.

Examples include:

- Clinical psychologists – working with people with mental disorders
- Counsellors – helping people with everyday pressures
- Developmental psychologists – studying the changes in cognitive ability and social interaction during various life-stages
- A Career in Sports
- A Career in Health & Social Services

Students are often inspired at A Level to continue their studies of Psychology to degree level. The Psychology team at Corfe Hills School will happily offer support and advice to help inform any decisions you need to make.

What Other Opportunities Exist Outside of Class?

Students are always using their knowledge of psychology outside the classroom whether linked to following behaviour on social networking sites, consumer psychology or understanding different styles of parenting. Students are encouraged to read widely around their subject, view documentaries and contribute to debates on theories. Students also have the opportunity to attend a Criminal conference where they get to meet ex-offenders, attend a one-night residential trip to London with visits to the Zoo for a Phobia Hypnotherapy session and a visit to the royal courts of justice. There are also opportunities for Students to attend revision workshops and seminars.