



Psychology

Our vision for Outstanding Learning

We aim to develop students who:

- are stimulated and challenged by the Psychology they learn, and enjoy their learning;
- feel ownership and pride in the work they carry out;
- see the progression they are making – lesson-by-lesson and year-by-year;
- recognise the value of Psychology both for themselves as individuals, and for society as a whole;
- are confident, independent learners who can use a range of learning talents.

As teachers, we aim to:

- plan interesting, engaging lessons that allow all to make progress;
- inspire students;
- set challenging targets for students and support them in reaching those goals;
- use AfL strategies to identify what progress has been made and by whom;
- give students feedback on their work that allows further progress to be made;
- develop students' enquiring mind.

The Psychology Curriculum Area

We are currently a team of three psychology teachers and have developed into a popular subject at both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. Our students are excited by the prospect of studying Psychology and we aim to foster that enthusiasm and develop the skills needed for the students to be successful in their study of Psychology. We have focused on the use of literacy within our curriculum and exam skills as part of our drive for improvements in all key stages. Our aim is for all students to make exceptional progress. We have a fantastic range of teaching and learning resources to support the delivery of high-quality lessons.

The Psychology Curriculum

Key Stage 4

Psychology has proved to be a very popular subject at Key Stage 4 and students enjoy a range of resources and learning experiences to support them in taking ownership of their own education. Our GCSE students follow the Edexcel specification. As the school currently has a three year Key Stage 4, students begin their study of Psychology in Year 9.

Post-16

Psychology is an established and very popular subject at A level. Students currently study the Edexcel syllabus Paper 1 – Foundations in Psychology; Paper 2 - Applications in Psychology and Paper 3 - Psychological Skills.

Enrichment

The Psychology team makes a healthy contribution to Walton High's enriched curriculum. Previous opportunities have included an A Level conference held by an Edexcel examiner as well as taking a trip to the National Justice Museum and Northampton University. After school support sessions for both Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5 run weekly.



Walton High

A place to **Belong**, a place to **Learn**, a place to **Achieve**

Facilities to Support Outstanding Learning

- Dedicated Social Science rooms provide spacious teaching spaces complete with an interactive panel in each classroom.
- There is easy access to the well-resourced ICT rooms or laptop trolleys, with scientific software and data-logging equipment.
- Each member of staff is loaned the use of a networked laptop for use at work and at home.

The Wider Social Science Curriculum Area

Social Sciences are popular at Walton High. Alongside Psychology we also offer Sociology, Health and Social Care and Child Development at both Key Stage 3 and 4. As a member of the team you are likely to teach a second subject and be asked to contribute to delivery. Resources and support will be provided by expert teachers already in post.

All teachers also deliver our PSHE programme which we call 'Character Development' and are form tutors.

If you have a passion for teaching, a great interest in Psychology, and are attracted by the prospect of working in a stimulating environment where there are high expectations for all, we would very much like to hear from you.

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