



*“When I look at the world I'm pessimistic, but when I look at people I am optimistic.” – Carl Rogers (Humanistic psychologist)*

Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. Through the curriculum, students gain a deeper understanding of human behaviour with the opportunity to understand what makes people tick, what motivates, challenges, or changes us and how this understanding can help us address many of the issues in society today. Stimulating content is at the heart of this thought-provoking and engaging qualification, which will encourage students to think like psychologists. This involves being able to think critically, analyse evidence and ask inquisitive questions. Through the study of Psychology, we become curious, creative, and independent thinkers.

One of the most important tools that a psychologist has to their disposal is research. Through the emphasis on scientific enquiry, we are taught to not assume knowledge; not to accept information at face value and instead, learn to challenge the world around us.

Additionally, through the study of Psychology, students will develop a broad and diverse set of skills, including the ability to communicate effectively, interpret and analyse scientific data, and use research evidence to critically evaluate theoretical ideas. The subject also encourages the development of competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical, and problem-solving skills and an understanding of how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

The promotion of understanding behaviour from a range of perspectives will develop empathetic, compassionate, and well-rounded individuals who are more prepared for life beyond secondary education. The spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development that the study of Psychology inspires helps students to shape their own personal values, form positive relationships with others and become responsible young citizens.

The study of Psychology is fascinating and shapes our view of the world. To study people and gain an insight into the human mind and complex behaviours allows us to better understand the people around us, challenges our perceptions,