



Nether Stowe School

Psychology Department

Curriculum Intent

Our Psychology curriculum intends to inspire students in the understanding of behaviours. We want our learners to value the importance of Psychological research and seek to provoke a curiosity of the human body and mind. Why some people's memories are better than others? Why good people commit evil acts? Through exploring a wide range of topics students find areas of interest which will raise their confidence and encourage them to embrace a growth mind set. Our curriculum involves learning about key psychological approaches and considering the applications psychology has had to society. They will develop mathematical skills to allow them to analyse research and practical skills through collecting the data themselves. Alongside acquiring a range of key terms and concepts, pupils will apply this knowledge and evaluate studies and theories. We are committed to ensuring all pupils have high aspirations and providing support and provision to ensure all can succeed.

Curriculum Implementation

There is an emphasis on the growth mindset; students are encouraged to challenge themselves within a supportive environment where taking risks is encouraged and commended. Students will take part in paired/small group discussions and debates, critique psychological studies and theories and arrive at reasoned and balanced conclusions. Students will undertake practical investigations; these involve research methods, such as: ethical experiments, questionnaires and observations. Assessment for this A-level is through 3 examination papers and therefore students will be given regular opportunities to complete an examination-style question. Both teacher and students will model best practice to hone skills needed. In every lesson, students will demonstrate their understanding through quizzes, use of mini-whiteboards and other creative means of gauging student understanding of concepts and theories taught.

Assessment

We study the Edexcel A Level Psychology qualification. Students will complete three external exams at the end of the two year course.