

PSYCHOLOGY & SOCIOLOGY: INTENT

GCSE Sociology

This subject is offered from the start of KS4. In Year 10, pupils study the topics of Family, Education and Research Methods. In Year 11 the areas of Social Inequality and Crime are addressed. The subject feeds nicely into KS5 subjects like Sociology, Psychology, Philosophy and Law. Studying the subject gives pupils a strong sense of contemporary issues and the events that shape their own lives. Success rates are healthy and the school utilises the AQA specification. Pupils often progress to A level and BTEC programmes.

A Level Sociology

This is a subject with a good take-up at the school. It is taught by three specialist teachers over 5 one hour lessons. In Year 12, students typically cover units on Family, Education and Research Methods. In Year 13, units include the Beliefs in Society, Mass Media and Crime. Teachers encourage students to take an active part in lessons through discussion and presentations. Students regularly report that they enjoy the lessons and that the subject content gives them a fresh perspective on contemporary issues. Many students go on to study Sociology at university and past students have successfully secured careers in law, accounting and academic writing.

A Level Psychology

This course consistently has a very good take-up and no prior knowledge of the subject is required from students. The course is delivered by two subject specialists over 5 one hour lessons per week. It covers a wide variety of topics including, relationships, stress, psychopathology, attachment, biopsychology and forensic psychology. Students are strongly encouraged to read around the topics for themselves and undertake a research report in Year 13. Success rates are healthy and many students go on to study Psychology in H.E. and some at Russell Group universities. Past students have secured careers in medicine, law, accounting and clinical research.