

Psychology Curriculum Intent

Psychology is a Social Science covering a range of different topics which allows students to explore the human mind from the classroom. By studying Psychology at King Edward VI School students will develop a lifelong interest in human behaviour and how we can make predictions about how humans will interact with the world; they will learn to understand how structures of the brain and human behaviour are connected, how behaviour can be genetic or developed from life experiences and how different cultures/people fit into the world and how this impacts on the way in which people interact with the environment around them. Psychology lessons will support and enable students to appreciate the complex nature of human behaviour and interactions and how through their actions they can make a difference to the world by developing empathy and tolerance for others.

Psychology aims to make students' knowledge rich by linking new learning to previous knowledge. Through the development of links between research studies, psychological concepts and theories, students are aided in committing knowledge to their long-term memory.

Students will be equipped with the necessary scientific knowledge, skills and vocabulary to develop a better understanding of themselves and the wider world enabling them to 'Think like a scholar of psychology', giving them the opportunity to critically analyse and communicate informed judgements through their rich subject knowledge. They will develop problem solving skills and acquire an understanding of the impact life chances or opportunities can have on human behaviour, encouraging them to take responsibility for understanding their own behaviour or to develop empathy and compassion towards other people for theirs.