

# Psychology

# GCSE

Course Leader: **Mrs Pike**

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## Successful learner profile

- Works with real determination and drive.
  - Is curious about people and what makes them behave as they do.
  - Can articulate their ideas with clarity.
  - Can think critically and discuss.
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## Why choose this course?

- Psychology is all about understanding how the mind works and why people do the things they do through looking at research studies completed by psychologists across many years. It is incredibly interesting and will develop your personal, learning and thinking skills. The skills you learn in Psychology will complement other subjects that you might study at KS4 such as Science, English, Geography and History.
  - You will have the opportunity to do practical experiments in class based on the studies of real psychologists and you will gain a new perspective about yourself and the people around you. You will be well prepared for working in many different occupations.
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## What will you study?

- Year 10 : Paper 1 Cognition and behaviour (memory, perception, development, research).
  - Year 11: Paper 2 Social context and behaviour (social influence, language, thought, communication, neuropsychology, mental health).
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## How will you be assessed?

- Examination (100%). There is no coursework but regular essays will be set.
  - Two one and a half hour written exams at the end of Year 11.
  - A formal mock exam will assess progress at the end of Year 10 and just before Christmas in Year 11.
  - Smaller assessments will occur at other times across Year 10 and 11.
  - It in Year 9 students will start with skills based learning linked to psychology before progressing onto the modular GCSE. The skills learnt here, debating and evaluating, will be essential for the exams.
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## Possible progression to post 16 study

- This AQA GCSE course is ideal preparation for the AQA Psychology A Level course on offer in the Sixth Form at Egguckland Community College.
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## Weblinks

- [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)
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