

## GCSE Psychology: AQA

**Psychology** is the scientific study of the human mind and mental states and of human and animal behaviour.

The course is suitable for pupils with an interest in discussion, evaluation and exploring different theories of human behaviour. The subject is available for anyone in Extended or Accelerated Band for English and 9a1a and above in Science.

### Subject content

Core content

#### **Paper 1: 1hr 45mins (100marks, 50% of the course)**

Cognition and behaviour

- 1. Memory
- 2. Perception
- 3. Development
- 4. Research methods

#### **Paper 2: 1hr 45mins (100marks, 50% of the course)**

Social context and behaviour

- 1. Social influence
- 2. Language, thought and communication
- 3. Brain and neuropsychology
- 4. Psychological problems

AQA Psychology at Kings' encourages pupils to:

- use specialist vocabulary, psychological concepts, terminology and convention to engage in the process of psychological enquiry
- acquire knowledge and understanding of Psychology, developing an understanding of self and others, and how psychological understanding can help to explain everyday social phenomena
- understand how psychological research is conducted, including the role of scientific method and data analysis
- present information, develop arguments and draw conclusions through a critical approach to psychological evidence, developing as reflective thinkers
- develop an understanding of the relationship between Psychology and personal, moral, social and cultural issues, and develop an understanding of ethical issues in Psychology
- develop an understanding of psychological issues, the contribution of Psychology to individual, social and cultural diversity, and how Psychology contributes to society.