# KS5 | Curriculum
# Psychology

THE WALDERSLADE & GREENACRE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

## Qualification type / Exam Board

A-Level / AQA

## What will I learn about?

This qualification offers an engaging and effective introduction to Psychology. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by Higher Education (HE) and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

Psychology is an academic and applied discipline that involves the scientific study of mental functions and behaviours. Psychology has the immediate goal of understanding individuals and groups by both establishing general principles and researching specific cases. It is a good starting place to equip students with the skills to go onto a variety of disciplines. **Students will study the following aspects of human behaviour:**

- **Compulsory content**: Social influence, Memory, Attachment, Clinical Psychology and Mental Health, Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology, Research methods and Issues and Debates. Math's and Biology are also an integral part of studying this subject.
- **Current optional content:**
  - **Option 1** Cognition and Development
  - **Option 2** Schizophrenia
  - **Option 3** Forensic Psychology

## How is my work assessed?

Pupils will be tested through three question papers at the end of the two-year course. Each paper will last two hours and will assess the following:

- Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology
- Paper 2: Psychology in Context
- Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology

## What should I consider before starting this subject?

This course draws upon your understanding of the contemporary world and it is therefore advisable for students who wish to take an interest in current affairs and social issues in general. Analytical skills: a high level of literacy, numeracy and scientific evaluation including a knowledge of biology is necessary for this subject.

## Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

A level Psychology is very useful in that it supports careers in Psychology, Teaching, Child Care, Management, Human Resources, Nursing, Medicine and research. Above and beyond these specific careers it teaches students the skills of analysis, research, evaluation and problem-solving skills which are important for any career.

## Entry requirements

Grade 5 in English Language, Maths and Science.

## Where can I find more information?

Mrs. Croft. Additionally, you can find out more information here.