



# Psychology Curriculum Intent



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## Curriculum Principles

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**Develop passionate subject specialists**

Our core aim is to ensure students experience an aspirational curriculum rich in psychological theory and research that stimulates their curiosity and fosters academic standards in order to develop competent specialists in the field.

**Demonstrate psychological knowledge in wide range of real life contexts**

Students will be encouraged to actively apply their psychological knowledge to a broad range of real world contexts. This will be achieved through discussions around a variety of relevant, concrete examples generated by staff and students alike.

**Foster independence and inner belief**

We recognise the importance of developing a knowledge of fundamental research methods and transferable independent research skills that provide students with the ability to become confident, resilient and self-sufficient learners in a wider variety of contexts.

**Develop critical thinking skills**

Students will develop their critical thinking by exploring moral and practical issues and debates and assessing the appropriateness of explanations and treatments. These thinking skills will allow students to make informed choices that they can defend and support with their own logic.

**Prepare students for the challenges of the wider world**

By the end of the course, students will have an understanding of the reasons behind both conscious and unconscious thoughts, feelings and behaviours. As a result, our curriculum aims to cultivate student's tolerance, empathy and respect of others beliefs and behaviour