



## Psychology Curriculum Key Stage 5

### **Intent:**

To develop our students' interest and understanding of human behaviour and the range of processes behind this, both biological and psychological. It should develop their interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject.

Psychology A level at Christ the King College aims to equip students with the knowledge and skills to be successful across their A level studies as well as beyond their secondary education in further study or the working world, including: analytical thinking; improved communication; problem solving; planning and conducting scientific investigations; analysing and interpreting data; and critical reasoning skills. Students are regularly provided with opportunities for wider learning using google classroom, and independence and personal reflection and responsibility are encouraged from the start in the hope that this will equip them well for future education/career choices.

Studying psychology involves looking at behaviours which are both universal but also those that vary between cultures and genders. Therefore, in line with the college ethos, students are encouraged to show mutual respect and tolerance of those around us whilst appreciating the influence that these factors can have. Students are also encouraged to recognise such bias in psychological research and consider the impact and implications that socially sensitive research may have.

### Curriculum Outline Key Stage 5

#### **Year 12**

- Memory
- Social influence
- Attachment
- Approaches in psychology
- Psychopathology
- Research methods

#### **Year 13**

- Biopsychology
- Issues and debates in psychology
- Option topics: relationships, gender, addiction, schizophrenia