

Psychology & Sociology



Curriculum Information, Intent and Map

Hutton Church of England Grammar School

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Intent:

The Psychology and Sociology department has a long standing history of providing quality post 16 education here at Hutton Grammar school. The students who study the science of psychology often go onto degree level in the subject at some very prestigious University's such as York and Lancaster, then later to practice as professionals in a wide range of related careers. Students join us to study the subjects from a wide range of backgrounds and school with differing academic achievements. We deliver AQA specifications which are well resourced and respected. Students are given opportunities to develop both independent learning skills during lesson time and become investigators of the subject and are also encouraged to work in groups to enhance their communication and team building skills.

Psychology and Sociology students are encouraged to challenge themselves and those around them through active discussion and continue to develop essential numeracy and literacy skills throughout the duration of the two year course. Both the subjects are new to all students in post 16 education and both Psychology and Sociology provide them with an opportunity to study society and individuals in detail. We hope to enhance students understanding of people and help develop the Christian ethos of the school with particular regard to Wisdom and Compassion.

Compassion: 'Compassion' and 'sympathy' have much in common and both are stronger in meaning than simply 'feeling sorry for' someone. The words have their roots in the idea of 'suffering with' someone, putting yourself in someone else's shoes and experiencing what they experience. This leads to a desire to act, to do something.

1 Peter 3:8 "Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."

Wisdom: Wisdom is insight into the way life works: a proper understanding of the consequences of our thoughts, words and actions and an awareness of the true value of things. It is rooted in proper reverence for God who is the source of all life and all values.

1 Corinthians 1:24-25 “Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.”

Psychology and Sociology are both subjects which provide more than just academic attainment, they teach individuals about mental health and resilience and how to cope with life. The curriculum is such that it develops individual’s knowledge of different social groups and covers a wide range of topics that will develop personal, social and emotional skills. In the future we hope to continue to raise achievement and always strive for excellence in terms of creating inquisitive and critical thinkers with intellectual curiosity who gain high academic results but also in terms of the young people we are optimistic will leave having studied the subjects as responsible and caring members of society.

Curriculum Map:

Psychology:

We follow the AQA A level Psychology specification						
Key approaches AP	Key Approaches/ Psychopathology AP		Psychopathology/ Research methods AP	Research methods AP		Memory AP Memory AP

Biopsychology NL	Biopsychology NL		Social Influence NL	Social Influence NL		Attachments NL	Attachments NL
Forensic psychology AP	Forensic psychology/ Research methods		Research methods/ Schizophrenia AP	Schizophrenia AP		Revise paper 1 and paper 2 content and complete practice exam questions AP and NL	A Level Examinations
Issues and Debates NL	Issues and Debates NL		Gender NL	Gender NL			

Sociology:

We follow the AQA Sociology A level specification							
Families and Households AP	Families and Households AP		Families and Households AP	Families and Households AP		Families and Households AP	Families and households AP
Education NL	Education NL		Education NL	Research Methods NL		Methods in context NL	Theory and methods (perspectives) NL

Beliefs in Society AP	Beliefs in Society AP		Beliefs in Society AP	Beliefs in Society AP	Beliefs in Society and Families and Households revision AP	A'level Examinations
Theory and Methods NL	Crime and Deviance NL		Crime and Deviance NL	Crime and Deviance NL	Revision of all topics Taught by NL	

For additional course & curricular information please see:

A Level: Sixth Form Course Booklet (Sixth Form Course Booklet Tab)