



Curriculum Intent for Psychology at St Joseph's College

The study of Psychology at SJC enables students to learn about the science of mind and behaviour.

We consider that the ability for a student to consider whether given 'knowledge' is legitimate is a key life skill. Psychology can assist with this in helping the student to determine issues such as validity and reliability when applied to scientific (and unscientific) research.

Students are taught how to interrogate and how to critically evaluate research, data and information.

In addition it is our intention to discuss issues positively and with a developmental focus. Our discussions of mental illness (e.g. schizophrenia) and criminality (e.g. explanations for criminal behaviour) are very much orientated towards the positive changes that formal study can bring about.

Furthermore we examine the subject material from a stance of sensitivity and understanding. Such traits are necessary should students follow a career into the range of disciplines that are related to psychology and medicine.

Our study of Psychology shines a light on our own behaviour and the behaviour of others. It brings about empathy, tolerance and an appreciation of how interconnected and complex our lives as humans has become.