

## EASTBURY SUBJECT CURRICULUM

**Subject**

**AQA GCSE PSYCHOLOGY**

**Overview**

### **What will I study?**

In year 10 you will study *cognition and behaviour* through the following four topics:

- Memory
- Perception
- Development
- Research methods

In year 11 you will study *social context and behaviour* through the following four topics:

- Social influence
- Language, thought and communication
- Brain and neuropsychology
- Psychological problems

### **How will I be assessed?**

At the end of the two-year course, you will complete two written exams, which will assess the topics you learnt in each year respectively.

Both exams will be:

- 1 hour 45 minutes
- 100 marks
- Worth 50% of your GCSE grade

Both will consist of four sections – each relating to each of the four topics studied within each year. Each section will include:

- Multiple choice questions
- Short answer questions
- Extended writing questions

## Units

### 1) Cognition and Behaviour

#### Memory:

- How do we store memories?
- What are the different types of memory?
- What influences the accuracy of our memory?

#### Perception:

- Is our perception of the world a reflection of reality?
- How do visual illusions work?
- What factors affect our perception?

#### Development:

- How does our brain develop when we are in the womb?
- How does intelligence develop?
- How does learning affect our development?

#### Research methods:

- How do psychologists design research?
- How do psychologists carry out research?
- How do psychologists analyse data?

### 2) Social Context and Behaviour

#### Social influence

- Why do people conform?
- Why do people obey?
- What influences prosocial and antisocial behaviour?

#### Language, thought and communication

- How are language and thought related?
- How do animals and humans communicate?
- Is non-verbal behaviour innate or learnt?

#### Brain and Neuropsychology

- How does our nervous system work?
- What structures are there in the brain and what are their functions?
- How does the brain relate to behaviour and cognition?

#### Psychological problems

- How do mental health problems affect individuals and society?
- Why do people suffer from depression and how do we treat it?
- Why do people suffer from addiction and how do we treat it?