



## TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL (Science & Sports College)

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### About the Psychology and Sociology Department

The Psychology Department has been established for 23 years and the subject is taught at Trinity as both a GCSE and an A-Level course.

Students can choose the subject from the regular option choices at the end of Year 9 or as an extra-curricular class after school. The latter provides an opportunity for Gifted and Talented students to extend their education and introduces a subject which can only enhance their understanding of the learning process and the management of each student's individual learning strategies. We have 60 students at present studying the AQA GCSE course.

In Years 12 and 13 students are offered the 2 year linear AQA A Level Psychology Specification or the 2 year linear AQA Psychology specification. The subject is very popular and successful with over 120 students at present. Examination results are consistently very good/outstanding.

2015 Results:

	A*-A	A*-C
Key Stage 4	32	95
	A-B	A-E
Key Stage 5	59	95

**Organisation and Methods of Assessment:** At KS4 each students progress against their individual targets are closely monitored by regular revision tests, monthly monitoring and collation of teacher assessments in a central file to enable an overall student profile for review for praise or intervention strategies. At KS5 a similar system operates.

**Resources:** All the above courses are well resourced and taught in two subject based classrooms. The students all have course texts and staff have access to a wide variety of new resource materials. All staff within the department have a PC laptop computer, interactive whiteboard and a printer.

**Extra-Curricular Activities:** The department offers after school revision classes for all mock exams as well as the twilight Gifted and Talented GCSE course. The KS5 students attend Psychology conferences and are encouraged to provide Master classes to encourage students in their learning and understanding of the GCSE course.

**Assessment:** Teachers of Psychology use a range of teaching styles with the purpose of engaging students fully in learning activities. Our aim is to encourage students to be interested in and enjoy learning about Psychology. Students are given home study on a weekly basis which helps consolidate and develop learning in the classroom.