

***Head of Department: Miss K Tipping***

The Psychology Department is a new department that was only established this academic year at The Langton. We are looking for an outstanding practitioner to extend the department in its second year alongside the subject leader. This provides an exciting opportunity to develop this already very popular subject within the sixth form and the rest of the school through a range of extra-curricular programmes.

Psychology is taught in KS5 as an independent subject and currently there are 65 students studying the subject in Year 12. There are three teaching groups in Year 12 with a large percentage of current Year 11 applicants opting to study the subject next academic year.

Applicants should be well qualified, vibrant and demonstrate a commitment to the highest levels of teaching and learning. A student centred approach to teaching and learning is vital as well as a practitioner that is innovative and willing to develop students wider subject knowledge not just the exam boards specification. Most importantly we are looking to appoint a graduate with excellent subject knowledge who can communicate an enthusiasm for the subject.

There is a strong commitment to research projects at the school as it allows us to give the students an education that is unique and stands them in the best stead after they leave The Langton. Applicants should be committed to innovation and to the further development of good practice in teaching but also be willing to form new relationships with universities and organisations in order to build a range of co-curricular opportunities for students to get involved in.

This is a unique opportunity for a well-qualified and energetic teacher to develop his or her career in a supportive, professional and forward thinking school which has a national reputation for high academic standards and curriculum innovation. We would welcome applications from experienced practitioners as well as NQTs.

## The Curriculum

### A Level

Students study the AQA A-Level qualification and sit their exams at the end of Year 13. Optional topics that are taught for Paper 3 are currently Relationships, Eating Behaviour and Forensic Psychology however, this is subject to change in response to the students' needs. It is not necessary for students to have studied Psychology at GCSE level to be accepted on the A-Level course however, we do ask students to have achieved at least a 6 in English and Biology in order to get onto the course.