



## Psychology Department Information

Psychology is based in on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor in a suite of classrooms shared between departments including Health & Social Care, Business, Computing and History. Each classroom is equipped with a state of the art Smartboard linked to a desktop computer. The desktop is linked to a classroom speaker system. There is also a standard whiteboard in each room.

As a teaching school, St Mary's hosts many ITT students on PGCE and Schools Direct routes, and the department values the opportunity to nurture trainee teachers through this work.



**Aerial model of the new school**

Psychology has proven to be a popular and successful subject since its introduction 2 years ago at A Level. The first cohort in 2017 had 100% pass rate, with 50% of grades A\*-B and 75% A\*-C. At AS level, over the last 2 years, 63% of grades were A\*-C. There may be opportunities to introduce Psychology into KS4 to develop the subject further.

All Key Stage 5 subjects are currently taught for 10 x 1 hour lessons per 2-week cycle per subject. This time is often split equally between two members of staff.

Psychology students follow the AQA Specification, which focusses on introductory topics including social influence, memory and attachment. Assessment is on-going with students sitting a mock exam in Years 12 and 13 with grades reported home.