



Area News - Psychology

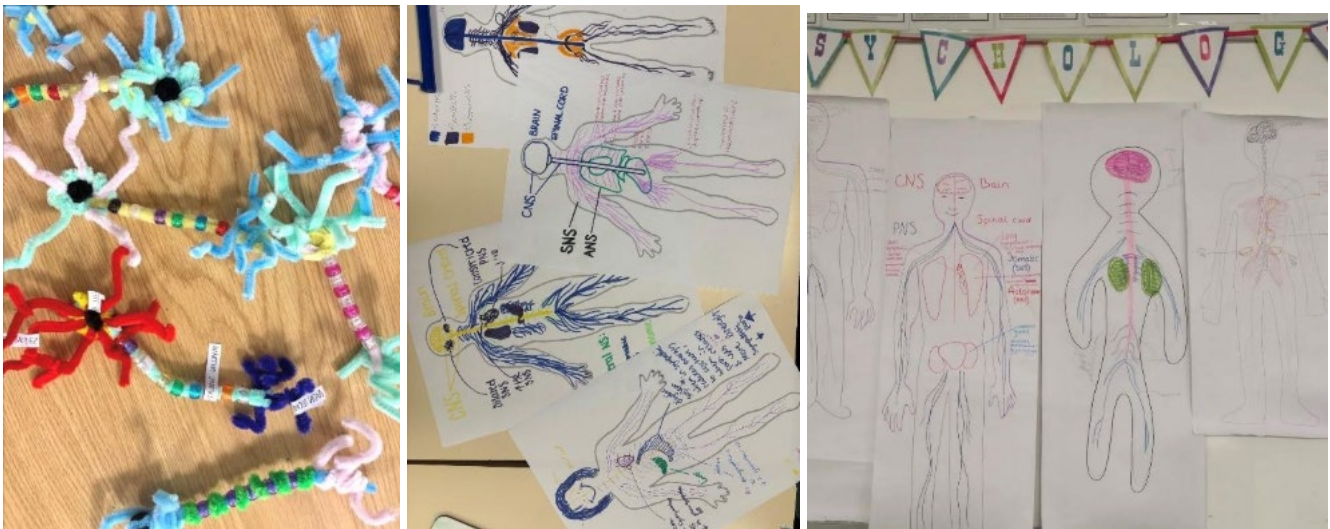
What have we been up to?

In our Biopsychology sessions, we've brought the human mind and body to life through creative, hands-on activities that make complex ideas fun and easy to understand. Instead of just reading about neurons, we built them using pipe cleaners so everyone could visualise how these tiny cells are structured. To explore synaptic transmission — the process that allows neurons to communicate — we used playdough models and even created stop motion animations, turning a tricky topic into something memorable and engaging.

We also made “brain hats” to help students learn about localisation of function, showing which parts of the brain are responsible for different behaviours. Acting out synaptic transmission as a group added movement and teamwork to the learning, helping students grasp each stage of the process.

To understand the nervous and endocrine systems, students created life sized models, gaining a clearer picture of how signals travel through the body and how hormones affect behaviour. Finally, everyone delivered presentations on different ways psychologists study the brain, developing confidence as well as deeper knowledge.

If you enjoy learning through creativity, collaboration, and real life examples, Biopsychology is a brilliant introduction to how your brain and body shape who you are.



Recently in lessons we have been ...

Our current Psychology students are about to embark on one of the most exciting parts of the course, their very own practical research project! This is their chance to step into the role of a real psychologist and investigate a topic that genuinely interests them. From how social media affects mood, to what improves memory, to how friendships influence behaviour — they get to choose the question they want to explore.

They'll plan an investigation, collect real data, and analyse what their findings reveal about human behaviour. It's creative, hands-on, and completely driven by their curiosity.

Something you can look forward to ...

Students always look forward to this project because it gives them independence, confidence, and a chance to discover something new. It also builds transferable skills like critical thinking, teamwork, and problem solving.

If you're joining us next year, this is just one of the exciting experiences waiting for you.