

Welcome to the School!

On behalf of the whole School of Psychology & Neuroscience, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to those of you joining us this year. Whether you are going to be staying with us for one semester or for four years, it is important that you know you are joining an extended family that takes pride in helping you make the most of your time at the University of St Andrews.



As current Head of School, I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to help ensure that you progress, and eventually leave, knowing that you made absolutely the right choice in studying with us. Whilst this is often a daunting time, as you meet new people and familiarise yourselves with new and perhaps very different experiences and surroundings, we will all face additional challenges this year, due to the ongoing pandemic. However, please rest assured that we are doing everything we can to deliver the best learning opportunities and experiences for all of our students, whether in person or remotely.

The School has a long tradition of high standards in everything that we do. We adopt the pedagogy of Benjamin Franklin, one of the University's honorary graduates (1759): "*Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, **involve me and I learn***". You will be taught, in an interactive and collaborative manner, by the very best academic psychologists and neuroscientists in the country. You will also experience cutting edge research in the areas that you find fascinating and will have the opportunity to learn about the latest and most relevant research techniques.

You will leave as very different, talented and fulfilled people and with an entirely new perspective on life. However, don't be surprised if, years from now, when you have successful careers in your chosen field, you still find yourself drawn back to St Andrews. The coming years will fly past so please enjoy every moment and every experience that is on offer!

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible when you join us.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G Miles".

Gareth Miles, PhD

Professor of Neuroscience

Hi and welcome to the School of Psychology and Neuroscience! My name is Lindsay (you can call me Linds) and I am your School President. As President, my job is to represent you within the School, provide guidance, and help you have a memorable time here at uni. With the assistance of the School, class reps, and affiliated societies, there will be numerous social and academic events throughout the year that you don't want to miss! Feel free to follow the Instagram (@psychneurosta), twitter (@psychneuro_pres), or FB page (psychneurosta) to see what the School is up to!



I understand that this year is certainly not what everyone was expecting; however, I am here to make your transition as smooth and enjoyable as possible. We are all navigating this time together and my job is to make your experience a little less overwhelming along the way. I am always here if you have questions and I will try my best to connect you with the resources that you need. Don't be afraid to reach out just to say hi either (psychpresident@st-andrews.ac.uk).

I hope that you have a wonderful year – I am looking forward to meeting you!

Lindsay

School President.