

## Psychology

The purpose of the Psychology curriculum is to ensure that all students are provided with the opportunity to access the AQA syllabus. Different styles of teaching are used to develop students understanding and enjoyment of the subject. Students are offered lots of opportunities to share their ideas with the group, developing confidence and language skills. Students will complete the AQA Psychology AS level at the end of Year12.

### Year 12 A Level Psychology

Psychology follows the following schedule during the academic year (changes are made to content as necessary):

|               | Year 12                                                                    |
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| <b>TERM 1</b> | Monday: Research Methods<br>Tuesday – Friday: Approaches and BioPsychology |
| <b>TERM 2</b> | Monday: Research Methods<br>Tuesday – Friday: Psychopathology              |
| <b>TERM 3</b> | Monday: Research Methods<br>Tuesday – Friday: Memory                       |
| <b>TERM 4</b> | Monday: Research Methods<br>Tuesday – Friday: Attachment                   |
| <b>TERM 5</b> | Monday: Research Methods<br>Tuesday – Friday: Social Influence             |
| <b>TERM 6</b> | Monday: Research Methods<br>Tuesday – Friday: Approaches A Level content   |

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| Content of study                                        | AS level Paper 1: Social Influence, Memory and Attachment<br>AS level Paper 2: Approaches, BioPsychology, Psychopathology and Research Methods (Yr12)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| What are the aims and objectives of this term?          | The aims of these two units are to develop an understanding of psychological issues and research techniques.<br>The objective is to allow students the opportunity to develop their written skills, knowledge and understanding.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| What previous knowledge is required?                    | No previous knowledge is required. Psychology teachers appreciate that most students have no prior experience of Psychology.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| How will this term's content help with future learning? | The Year 12 and 13 Psychology curriculum will support students in developing a basic understanding of psychological issues. It will highlight 'real world' applications. These skills will enable students to become more confident in their understanding of reasons behind behaviours and physiological/mental functioning.                                                                                                       |
| Resources                                               | Watching videos that contain relevant course topics will enable students to see first-hand how psychological theories and concepts can be applied to everyday life. YouTube and TED talks provide useful insight into new areas/topics.<br><br>Students are encouraged to buy the relevant course text:<br>Year 12 – AQA Psychology for A Level – Year 1 & AS (2 <sup>nd</sup> edition) Flanagan, Jarvis & Liddle (Green hair book) |
| Links to the national curriculum/specification          | <a href="https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/psychology/specifications/AQA-7181-7182-SP-2015.PDF">https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/psychology/specifications/AQA-7181-7182-SP-2015.PDF</a> - page 8-16                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| Assessments | Students are assessed continually by their teacher in the areas being studied. They are encouraged to peer assess to gain an insight into the necessary requirements of the mark scheme. End of unit tests are completed at the beginning of each new term. At the end of Year 12 all knowledge is assessed via the AQA AS examination (results in August). |
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