

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.

Year 13 A Level Psychology

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

	Year 13
TERM 1	Monday: Research Methods Tuesday – Friday: BioPsychology
TERM 2	Monday: Issues and Debates Tuesday – Friday: Gender
TERM 3	Monday: Issues and Debates Tuesday – Friday: Schizophrenia
TERM 4	Monday: Issues and Debates Tuesday – Friday: Aggression
TERM 5	Monday: Revision Tuesday – Friday: Revision

Content of study	Paper 2: Approaches, BioPsychology, Research Methods (Yr 12/13) Paper 3: Issues & Debates, Gender, Schizophrenia and Aggression (Yr13)
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. 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 12/13 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. Students are encouraged to buy the relevant course text: Year12 – AQA Psychology for A Level – Year 1 & AS (2 nd edition) Flanagan, Jarvis & Liddle (Green hair book) Year13 – AQA Psychology for A Level – Year 2 & A Level (2 nd edition) Flanagan, Jarvis & Liddle (Pink hair book)
Links to the national curriculum/specification	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/psychology/specifications/AQA-7181-7182-SP-2015.PDF
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. PPEs assess knowledge and understanding under exam conditions.
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