

PSYCHOLOGY CURRICULUM: KS5

Qualification(s)	Psychology A-Level
Exam Board	AQA
Link to Specification	AQA AS and A-level Psychology Specification at a glance



Psychology as a subject is **relevant** as it is the study of human behaviour, which strives to help us understand the way we think, act, and feel in our everyday lives. Psychology challenges students to apply scientific techniques to study a variety of human phenomena such as children's development, mental disorders, stress and many more. As such, it is a part of our everyday lives. An understanding of human behaviour is fundamental to many jobs in society and the study of psychology at degree level and beyond remains a very popular choice. We have constructed a curriculum that is engaging, **ambitious**, and it is designed to stretch and challenge all learners in our classrooms. Through excellent provision and planning, we aim to be **inclusive** and meet the needs of all learners, while still providing differentiation to support learners. We do this to ensure that all can access the curriculum and so that all can make expected progress. We aim for mastery that is embedded throughout the two-year course, engaging with strategies which help students to develop not only a coherent but a secure knowledge and understanding of Psychology.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Year 12	-Introduction to psychology including an overview of the approaches and 7. Research methods (<i>this will be interleaved throughout each chapter</i>) 1. Social influence (Paper 1) 2. Memory (Paper 1) Autumn Assessment: Social Influence	2. Memory (paper 1) <i>Continued.</i> Assessment: End of Chapter test 3. Attachment (Paper 1) Assessment: End of Chapter test	4. Psychopathology (Paper 1) Assessment: End of Chapter test 5. Approaches in psychology (Paper 2) Assessment: End of Chapter test	Spring assessment: Paper 1 exam 6. Biopsychology (Paper 2) 7. Research methods (Paper 2)	6. Biopsychology (Paper 2) Assessment: End of Chapter test <i>Continued.</i> 7. Research methods (Paper 2) <i>Continued.</i> Assessment: End of Chapter test	<i>Revision and mock exams</i> Summer assessment: Paper 1 exam Begin 8. Issues and debates
Year 13	8. Issues and debates (Paper 3) Assessment: End of Chapter test Autumn Assessment: Paper 2 exam 10. Gender (Option 1) Assessment: End of Chapter test	13. Eating behaviour (Option 2) Assessment: End of Chapter test	15. Forensic Psychology (Option 3)	Spring assessment: Paper 2 exam <i>Continued.</i> 15. Forensic Psychology (Option 3) Assessment: End of Chapter test Paper 3 exam	<i>Revision</i> Paper 1, 2 and 3 exams	<i>External Exams</i>

Research methods will be taught alongside each topic throughout the year. This includes practical lessons to implement many scientific and mathematical skills that are needed for a career in psychology, or any other social science.

All topics are built upon previous content in each topic, particularly approaches, issues and debates and research methods which are referred to and taught throughout the course. The order in which the topics are delivered to students helps with recall of knowledge

but also development of many practical skills needed for the world of work, including application of theory. All students will sit assessments at the end of each topic to address misconceptions and facilitate appropriate teacher interventions whilst also focussing on previously taught content.

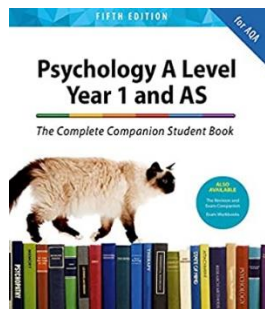
Further Support:

Pupils have access to

<https://www.kerboodle.com/app>

This contains an online text book, as well as homework, revision and assessment activities.

Pupils are advised to use the following textbooks to support their learning.



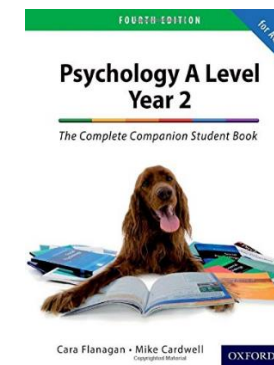
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