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**A-Level Psychology A level Guide**

**How Psychology will be taught:**

A level Psychology is taught via face-to-face teaching; this is by either interactive presentation or lecture. There will be a lot of discussion, debate and questioning. All students are given access to an online textbook, a recommended reading list and file dividers to help plan their work.

**Working expectations:**

You are expected to put at least as many hours into A level Psychology outside of lessons as you would in lessons. A level Psychology is a science and requires retention of facts as well-developed evaluation and the ability to provide a holistic approach. In your free periods, aside from homework, you should be going back over the lesson through PowerPoints, the online textbook and by making your own detailed notes.

**What 100% effort in this subject looks like:**

* As much time out of lesson devoted to psychology with a minimum of 4.5 hours a week.
* Pre-read the topic chapter in preparation for the lesson.
* Always interact and ask questions within lessons.
* Read around the topic and explore journal articles using google scholar.
* Read around the topic from arrange of books recommended on the reading list.
* Watch / listen to recommended video / documentaries / films / podcasts.
* Take part actively in peer assessment and feedback.
* Produce your own revision materials.

**Folder Policy:**

*Your folder should have:*

-Dividers for each topic within Psychology (these will be provided).

-Issues, Approaches and Debates document at the very front of your folder for constant referral.

-Notes from each lesson with print outs, journal articles, PowerPoints or whatever is recommended / handed out within each lesson.

-You must provide have your own plastic document wallets and lined paper to bring to all lessons.

-All homework and essays must have a mark scheme (provided) as a cover within a plastic wallet.

**What Marking looks like:**

* Ordinary class notes are not marked, as there is nothing to assess.
* Some homework’s that are gathering of information will be checked visually but not graded.
* Homework’s that involve your thinking and analysis will be marked with comments.
* 16-mark essays will be marked with the relevant cover sheet, comments and development tasks where appropriate.
* Homework is to be written in blue / black ink and marked I red. Feedback will be done using green pen.

**What Homework looks like:**

* Reading
* Research
* Essay questions
* Past exam questions
* Documentaries / Ted talks.

**Specification at a glance:**

Year 1 Topics (year 12)

Introduction and Approaches in Psychology

research methods – statistics and probability

psychopathology – depression, phobias and ocd. possible explanations and how we treat them

memory – cognitive psychology exploring how we remember and forget.

attachment – how we attach to our primary caregiver and how that can have an impact on our lives.

Year 2 (year13)

schizophrenia – explanations and treatments

forensic psychology –profiling, offending behaviour and treatment

biopsychology – biological rhythms, brain research and human anatomy and physiology

relationships – sexual selection and human reproductive behaviour

research methods – inferential tests

issues and debates

**Websites to look at:**

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology>

<https://simplypsychology.org/a-level-psychology.html>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology>



Read through the BPS guide to studying Psychology

**Summer preparation tasks**

Ensure you have purchased a folder, paper, plastic wallets and a calculator as well as basic stationary such as pens, pencil, ruler.

You do NOT need to have studied Psychology at GCSE to be successful in Psychology