

Tarporley Sixth Form College



Psychology A-Level Programme of Study

Exam Board: **AQA**

100% Examination

(**3 Exams**

33.3% per exam)

Y12 Topics Paper 1	Y12 + Y13 Topics Paper 2	Y13 Topics Paper 3
Social Influence	Approaches	Issues and Debates
Memory	Biopsychology	Relationships
Attachment	Research Methods	Schizophrenia
Clinical Psychology and Mental Health		Forensic Psychology

Name:

Target grade:

Aspirational grade:



Overview of Key Topics during the Course:

Paper 1	Social Influence 	Types of conformity, explanations for conformity and obedience, explanations of resistance to social influence and minority influence.
Paper 1	Memory 	Types of memory, explanations for forgetting, factors affecting eye-witness testimonies.
Paper 1	Attachment 	Explanations for attachment, the influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships.
Paper 1	Clinical Psychology and Mental Health 	Definitions of mental health and a discussion of phobias, depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD).
Paper 2	Approaches 	The basic assumptions of the social learning theory, behaviourist, biological, psychodynamic, cognitive and humanistic approaches.
Paper 2	Biopsychology 	Discussion of the nervous system, endocrine system, the brain and its functions and how we measure this.
Paper 2	Research Methods 	Knowledge and understanding of the several research methods, scientific processes and techniques of data handling and analysis, as well as their use and be aware of their strengths and limitations:
Paper 2	Issues and Debates 	Discussion and evaluation of: Gender and Culture, Free will and Determinism, Nature versus Nurture Holism and Reductionism, Idiographic and Nomothetic, Ethical implications of research studies.
Paper 3	Relationships 	Theories behind relationship formation, including virtual and para social relationships
Paper 3	Schizophrenia 	Classification, therapies and explanations for schizophrenia.
Paper 3	Forensic Psychology 	Offender profiling, explanations for offending and dealing with offending behaviour.



How your course is structured:

Year 12: Mrs Morrison	Y13: Mrs Morrison
• Introduction to Psychology and Specification • Paper 2: Approaches • Paper 2: Research Methods • Paper 1: Social Influence Assessment 1: Approaches Assessment 2: Social influence Assessment 3: Research Methods	• Paper 2: Biopsychology • Paper 3: Forensic Psychology • Revision Assessment 1: Issues and Debates Assessment 2: Biopsychology Assessment 3: Forensic Psychology
Christmas	Holidays
• Paper 1: Attachment • Paper 2- Research Methods • Paper 1- Memory Assessment 4: Attachment Assessment 5: Memory Assessment 6: Research Methods	Mocks Y13 • Paper 3: Schizophrenia • Paper 3: Relationships Assessment 4: Schizophrenia Assessment 5: Relationships
Easter	Holidays
• Paper 1: Clinical Psychology and Mental Health • Paper 2: Finish Research Methods Assessment 6- Clinical Psychology and Mental Health End of Year Mock Exams • Paper 2: Issues and Debates	Paper 1,2,3: Revision A-Level Exams 
Summer	Holidays



Your Assessment Objectives:

AO1 Knowledge and understanding- Fact and Theories	How much you know and understand about scientific ideas, studies, processes, techniques and procedures (including approaches, studies and research methods/designs).
AO2 Application and Knowledge	Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures: in a theoretical context in a practical context when handling qualitative data when handling quantitative data
AO3 Evaluation	Analysis, interpretation and evaluation – Breaking down an argument or explanation, comparing and contrasting ideas to show similarities or differences (application). Looking at evidence for and against a viewpoint, putting forward alternative views to create a debate (evaluation). Making judgements and reaching conclusions. Developing and refining practical design and procedures.

Recommended resources:



Books	AQA Psychology Green Haired Girl 2 nd or 3 rd edition AQA Psychology Pinked Haired Girl 2 nd or 3 rd edition AQA A-level Psychology Book 1-Lawton & Willard. AQA A-level Psychology Book 2-Lawton & Willard. Use suggested reading given to you.
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Learning Apps and YouTube channels	• Name	• Link
	• Crash Course Psychology	• Crash Course Psychology playlist
	• PsychBoost	• Psych Boost
	• Super Psychology	• Super Psychology
	• Ted Talks (Psychology)	• TedTalk (Psychology)
	• The Psych Show	• The Psych Show
	• Tutor2U	• Tutor2U
	• Seneca	• Free AQA Psychology Revision Seneca

Top Study Tips

Have three Lever Arch Folders – one for each paper

Use file divides to organise each topic. File your notes carefully each week – but remember to bring booklets to lesson if we haven't finished them.

Use your Booklets to make cue cards/mind-maps. Complete past exam questions using the AQA website.

Revision tool-brain splurge. Write down everything you currently remember about a topic then add to it using your notes (in a different colour pen). This way you will clearly see where the gaps are in your knowledge. Repeat it and next time hopefully you will have added more information. This is a great way to consolidate your knowledge, commit things to memory and make your knowledge deeper.

Keep revisiting work and topics

Don't simply file away and forget. Routinely to go over last term / year's work.

Read around and be excited about your subject! Use my recommendations. Use the library or borrow books from us.