

Psychology

Course description

Psychology is the science of mind and behaviour. It is the scientific study of how people (and sometimes animals) behave and how their minds work. The subject matter of Psychology is extremely wide. Throughout the course students will develop knowledge and understanding of psychological theories and studies alongside undertaking practical research activities. They will use their skills of analysis and evaluation to view these theories and studies with a critical eye.

Course content

Year 1 topics: approaches & biopsychology, research methods, social influence, memory, attachment & psychopathology

Year 2 topics: additional information on approaches, biopsychology & research methods. Issues & debates, schizophrenia, relationships & forensic psychology

Assessment (breakdown for the full two year course)

Paper 1— introductory topics in Psychology (Memory, social influence, attachment & psychopathology)

- Written exam 2 hours in total, 96 marks in total, 33.3% of total A-level.
- Multiple choice, short answer and extended writing in each section.

Paper 2— psychology in context (research methods, approaches & biopsychology) (same as bullet points for paper 1)

Paper 3— issues and options in Psychology (issues & debates, relationships, forensic psychology & schizophrenia) (same as bullet points for paper 1)

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Recommended textbook / revision guide

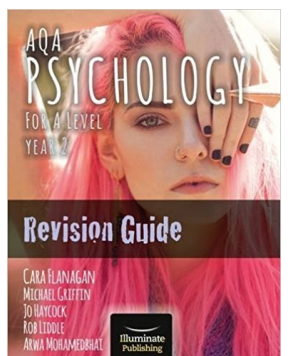
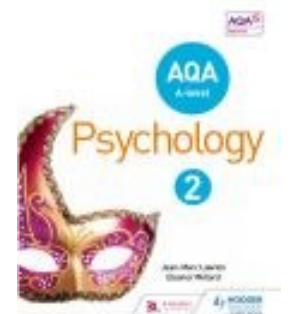
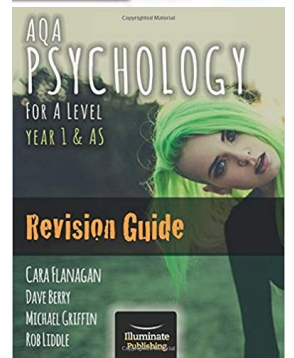
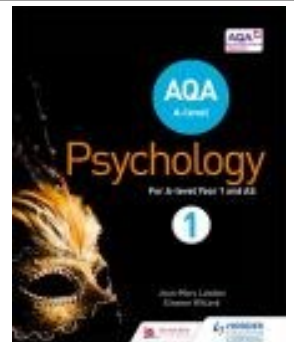
Year 12

- AQA Psychology for A-Level year 1 & AS (textbook or revision guide) (Green haired girl book)
- AQA A-Level Psychology book 1 (Gold mask book)

Year 13

- AQA Psychology for A-Level year 2 (textbook or revision guide) (Pink haired girl book)
- AQA A-Level Psychology book 2 (pink mask book)

Whilst it is not essential for students to have their own copy of the textbook it would be advantageous for students to have a copy to complement their notes and promote wider reading



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Future pathways

The subject of Psychology leads to a wide variety of different professions. Whilst this is not an exhaustive list it does give you an idea of the wide variety of roles that can be accessed after studying Psychology.

- Medicine
- Law
- Psychologist (industrial, clinical, educational, sport, child & family psychologists)
- Counsellor
- Experimental psychologist
- Market research analyst
- Recruitment consultants
- Human resources
- Laboratory field
- Rehabilitation specialist
- Professional training and development
- Prison service
- Uniformed services
- Social worker
- Teacher