

Welcome to the Southam College
Sixth Form

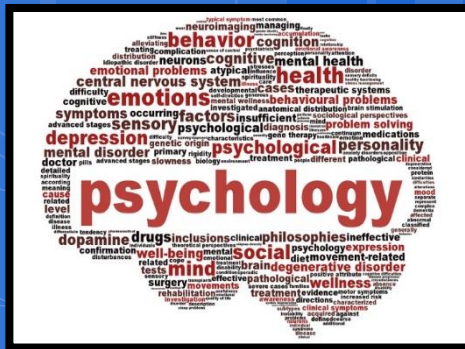
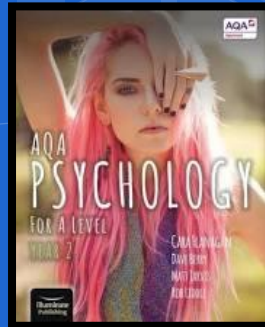
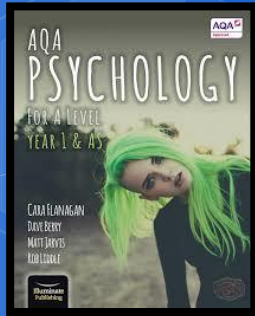
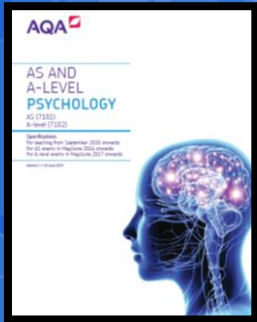


Welcome to A level Psychology



Open Evening Social Science Department Presentation

A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY



What is psychology?



Therefore biological
and mathematical

The scientific study of mind and
behaviour

Thoughts, Feelings and Actions

It is a multidimensional subject and includes many sub- fields such as human development, health, clinical, social behaviour and cognitive processes. The study of psychology develops an array of transferrable skills which can lead to a choice of careers.

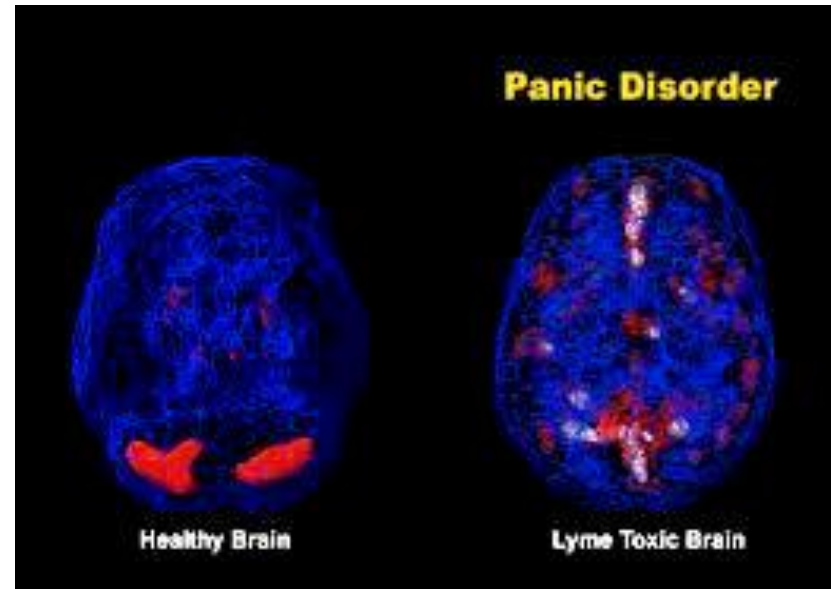
So what is psychology?



- Some people think that it is just common sense....**But it isn't.**
- Psychology has shown that what we have always strongly believed to be true often turns out to be wrong. **And sometimes things that sound like wild ideas turn out to be true!**
- **What percentage of people do you think would give a electric shock that may cause serious harm if someone just asked them to?**

So the important thing about psychology is EVIDENCE- Research Methods

Armchair 'Psychologist' Vs qualified Psychologist



AQA AS Level Course: – Year 1

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology

What's assessed

Compulsory content 1–3 above

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 72 marks in total
- 50% of AS

Topics:

Social Influence

Memory

Attachment

Paper 2: Psychology in Context

What's assessed

Compulsory content 4–6 above

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
- 72 marks in total
- 50% of AS

Topics:

Research Methods

Psychopathology

Approaches in Psychology

NB. If you are planning to do the full A Level – this is the first year of your course but the exams are slightly different! You don't need to worry about this for now!

YEAR 1 – AS LEVEL



Paper 1 - Introductory Topics in Psychology

Social Influence

Why do we conform?

What makes us obey?

How does social change occur?



YEAR 1 – AS LEVEL



Paper 1 - Introductory Topics in Psychology



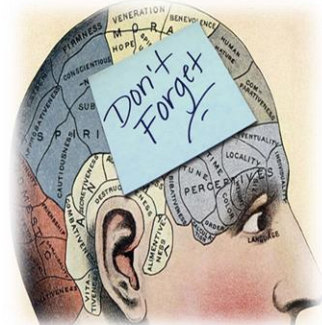
Memory

What helps us to remember things?

What makes us forget?

How accurate are EWT's?

How can we improve police interview techniques



YEAR 1 - AS LEVEL

AQA



Paper 1 - Introductory Topics

Attachment

What makes us attach to our mother or father – is it in our genetics (nature) or do we learn it (nurture)?

How do our early attachments influence our later relationships?



YEAR 1 - AS LEVEL



PAPER 2 – Psychology in Context

Approaches

Should we explain our behaviour in terms of our biology?

Or maybe it's our learning and environment?

We could explain behaviour in terms of the way we process information
– maybe we are just like computers?



YEAR 1 - AS LEVEL



PAPER 2 – Psychology in Context

Psychopathology

How do you decide if someone is abnormal?

How are phobias learnt?

Is depression a way of thinking?

Is OCD because of our genetics?



YEAR 1 - AS LEVEL



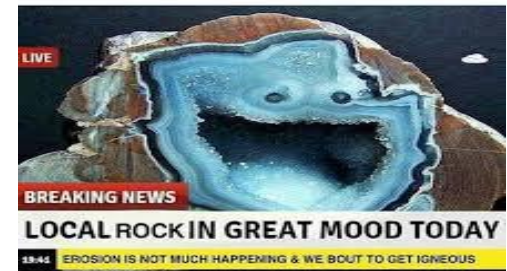
PAPER 2 – Psychology in Context

Research Methods

How do we study humans?

Rocks don't react to being studied but humans do –
how can we overcome this?

Rocks don't have feelings – humans do – so what are
the ethical problems of studying humans and
how do we overcome these ethical problems?



AQA A Level Course:

3 papers sat at the end of year 2. Exams are 30 minutes longer than the AS exams, require more detail, numeracy and contain some additional content.

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology	Paper 2: Psychology in Context	Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology
<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 1–4 above</p>	<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 5–7 above</p>	<p>What's assessed</p> <p>Compulsory content 8 above</p> <p>Optional content, one from option 1, 9–11, one from option 2, 12–14, one from option 3, 15–17 above</p>
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Topics:
Social Influence
Memory
Attachment
Psychopathology

Topics:
Research Methods (with additional content)
Bio Psychology (with additional content)
Approaches (with additional content)

Three Option Topics: e.g.
Relationships
Schizophrenia
Aggression
Issues and debates

The Social Science department and the course

Mrs Campbell- Birch
Miss Pitts



The course:

Intensive and hard work but it's extremely interesting and very enjoyable!

Assessment objectives AO1, AO2, AO3

Entry criteria:

Level 6's in English, Maths and a Science.

Results:

Excellent results – last years around 70-85% A*- B!

Usually in the top three - A level performance - in this school.

Careers with psychology?



Psychology can open the door to an array of career paths that requires interaction or an understanding of human behaviour and development.

The study of psychology can lead to careers in areas such as healthcare, management, social work, research, teaching, marketing, advertising and human resources.

Why choose AS and A-level Psychology?

Ever wondered if prison really does change criminal behaviour?

Or why some people conform?

Or perhaps if the experiences you had before the age of five really do shape the person you are today?

AS and A-level Psychology will give you an understanding of the way people think and why people behave in certain ways.

You will learn a variety of skills including analytical thinking, improved communication, problem solving and many more that will prepare you for an exciting future with the possibility of a range of fantastic careers.

Possible career options

Studying psychology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Marketing
- Business development
- Accountancy
- Human resources
- Forensic psychology
- Occupational therapy
- Clinical psychology
- Nursing
- Teaching.

Where will AS and A-level Psychology take you?

Possible degree options

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top seven degree courses taken by students who have an A-level in psychology are:

- Psychology
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- Teaching
- Sport and exercise science
- Law.

Find out more
aqa.org.uk/psychology



Think differently with AS and A-level Psychology

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Where will AS and A-level Psychology take you?

Psychology is a great subject to study because it will not only give you a number of transferable skills, it will also teach you more about the way people think. An understanding of the human mind is useful in a number of careers.

"Studying how the human mind develops and functions allowed me to grasp the elements of child development quickly and confidently. To this day I still apply aspects of my A-level Psychology learning to my everyday classroom practice."

Emily Burningham
Primary School Teacher

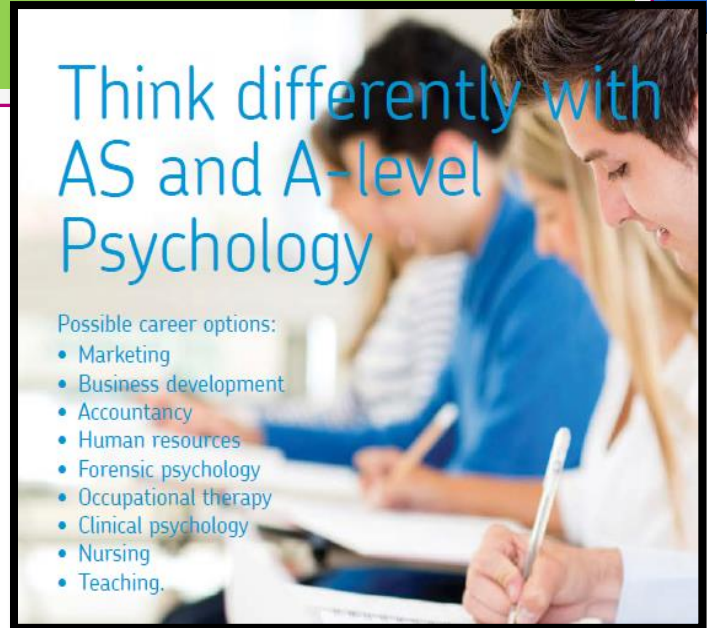
"I loved studying A-Level Psychology. I learned so much that has stayed with me. One thing that really helped me during my PhD studies and in my current job is that for every answer you find, there are always more fascinating questions which arise."

Kat Elliott
Scientific software support

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What do students say? Student words of Wisdom!

A blank template for a 'Student Words of Wisdom' card. The card is divided into three main sections. At the top, there is a header area with a green box containing the text 'Student', a yellow box containing 'Words', and a blue box containing 'of Wisdom'. Below the header, there is a large, empty rectangular box for writing. In the bottom right corner, there is a smaller, empty rectangular box, also with a header area containing 'Student', 'Words', and 'of Wisdom' in colored boxes.

What do students say? Student words of Wisdom!

Here are some quotes from students who have studied the course:

'I love that I can see a lot of what I learn about in psychology in real life and on Tv!

Start consolidation early on Probably the most content ever...but make sure you stay organised and on top of it and youll be fine!

Its also the most interesting and varied subject I did, I have really enjoyed! Now im off to do more Psychology at Uni!

'I enjoyed learning about the specific topics in paper 3 such as schizophrenia. Definitely feel that the research methods papers have helped massively in my psychology Uni course.'

Believe in yourself- this is a journey- confidence is key you will get there if you want too! Listen to your teachers! Revisiing will be painful but so so necessary!

Memorable experiences/Enrichment

New for
2018





An extra-curricular club where students are reminded to embrace how to be your best self; a positive, motivated and brilliant person!

The Art of WELLBEING TEAM

- **Wellbeing of the Community:** Engaging students and the local community in positive thoughts, actions and habits.
- **Wellbeing of Southam College:** To empower the students and staff of Southam to deliver positivity, happiness and brilliance across our school.
- **A Brill you:** Self-reflection and challenging your own skill set to be the best you can be!

The Art of Wellbeing Team, in basic, is an extra-curricular club where our dedicated Sixth Form Wellbeing Mentors remind and encourage others on how to be your best self. The 'Wellbeing Mentors' try to instil a ripple of positivity to all by campaigning, organising, and leading with events to promote the three main principles of the Art of Wellbeing team.

The Art of Wellbeing Team programme has been designed by our Year 13 students. The Senior Wellbeing Mentors for the programme consists of three Year 13 students. Head Girl Verity S is responsible for one of the key focus areas of 'Happiness & Wellbeing'. Amy N is responsible for the second focus area of 'Mental Ill Health Awareness'. Our deputy leader is Grace M who will be working across both key areas. There are 24 Sixth Form Wellbeing Mentors in total. The Team meet on a fortnightly basis to discuss, plan and prepare for events with a key aim to leave a sustainable, long-term wellbeing ethos. This is driven by the students themselves who are dedicated to spreading positivity to younger students.

Miss Campbell-Birch



Year 13 Head Girl Verity

Both Student and staff stress is not going to go away so the Art of Wellbeing Team is turning wellbeing on its head. Instead of waiting for both students and staff to collapse under the pressures of every life, we aim to proactively support others with the knowledge and strategies to deal with today's society. Change is happening in this modern world, so it's time to look at how to be our very best self and learn a thing or two from those who are flourishing around us! We want to help students to understand we can all raise our game; we can be and we really are brilliant!

Year 13 Amy N

As a Time to Change Young Champion, I am passionate about mental health. Whilst we like to promote good mental health as an ideal, realistically it doesn't always happen. My aim within the Art of Wellbeing society is to raise awareness of mental health issues among students and staff. It's hard enough to experience a mental illness without facing judgement, isolation and shame, so my hope is that we can help everyone to understand the challenges that these conditions present. That's why I will be working towards ending the mental health stigma within this school and within the wider community as the second focus of the team.



<https://www.southamcollege.com/students/art-of-wellbeing>



Thank you
For attending
Best of luck for
your GCSE's!

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