

Welcome to Year 12 Psychology

Psychology is the scientific study of human behavior. The focus in year 12 is to study theories of behaviour and apply these to explain a range of behaviours. You will develop a detailed understanding of psychological research, including conducting your own research. The focus of the year is:

- Social Psychology > Obedience & Prejudice
- Cognitive Psychology > Memory
- Learning Psychology > Mechanisms of learning
- Biological Psychology > Aggression & recreational drugs

Assessment and Feedback

Across the year you will have a range of assessments, this will include a range of questions including short and long answered, scenario and method questions. The aim of these are for you to practice your revision techniques, practice timing of answers, practice exam technique and to get feedback on your exam practice. The key to assessment is to revise thoroughly, but to reflect on your assessment to track and improve your performance in exams. This is why peer assessment will be used as a learning startegy, so you can understand what the examiner is looking for.

Each term you will have a large timed assessment with each teacher, and 2 small essay based assessments.

Structured Independent Study (SIS)

Learning content is only half the battle in Psychology. At the start of they year your SIS will focus on researching key pieces of research and current developments on these. The key skills that you need to develop in Psychology is the ability to understand what the questions are asking you, and to write concise, accurate and well applied answers. The only was that you can develop these skills is to practice the exam questions, and this is the focus of your SIS in Psychology. Every 3 weeks you will need to complete an A Level paper that focuses on either AS or A2 content, you are required to mark this paper, and reflect on your answers to aid further revision. Your teachers will set deadlines for this, and monitor your completion of your SIS. An additional skills you develop from your SIS is managing your time effectively, as this is independent work in addition to your classwork and homework.

Homework

A range of homework tasks will be set by both your teachers when appropriate (around 3 hours a week), this will be in addition to your independent SIS work above. Homework will include researching beyond the content covered in lessons, practice questions, group work, revision for regular assessments and consolidation of knowledge.

Exams

You will sit 2 exams at the end of your AS Level - these are outlined below

Exam	Paper 1: Social and Cognitive Psychology	Paper 2: Biological Psychology and Learning Theories
Timing	1 hour 30 minutes	1 hour 30 minutes
Marks	70 marks	70 marks
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social & Cognitive approaches• 12 mark mixed approach question• Measures of dispersion• Measures of central tendency• Mann Whitney U	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biological & Learning approaches• 12 mark mixed approach question• Measures of dispersion• Measures of central tendency• Spearman Rho & Chi Sqaure