

AQA A Level Psychology



Year 1

Learning Journey 2021-2022

Course Structure

WEEK	Teacher 1	WEEK	Teacher 2
1 - 2	Introduction to Psychology	1 - 2	Introduction to Psychology
3 -12	Social Influence Why do people obey and conform? Ethical issues with studying Social Psychology Do As Voless told Otherwise	3 - 14	Approaches in Psychology The origins of psychology The emergence of psychology as a science. Biology and behaviour
13 - 20	Research Methods How experiments & observations are carried out and the different methods used.	15 - 26	Biopsychology How emotions, thoughts and behaviour are affected by the brain and the nervous system.
21 - 29	Memory Factors that influence memory. Techniques lawyers use to influence the memories of those giving evidence.	27 - 38	Psychopathology Defining what is 'abnormal'. Treating mental health disorders
30 - 38 40 - 41	Attachment How children build relationships. What can go wrong? YEAR 12 EXAMS	40 - 41	YEAR 12 EXAMS
42 43 - 46	Attachment Continued Research Methods Scientific Processes, data handling and analysis	42 - 46	Issues & Debates Issues & Debates Free-will & Determinism Nature Nurture Holism & Reductionism Idiographic & Nomothetic Ethical Issues

Assessment

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology (exam)	Paper 2: Psychology in Context (exam)	Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology (exam)
What's assessed?	What's assessed?	What's assessed?
 All Paper 1 subject content: Social, Attachment, Memory & Psychopathology. 	All Paper 2 subject content:	 All Paper 3 subject content: Issues & Debates, Topic 1 (Relationships), Topic 2 (Schizophrenia), Topic 3 (Forensic Psychology).
How is it assessed?	How is it assessed?	How is it assessed?
Written exam: 2 hours96 marks in total33.3% of A Level course	Written exam: 2 hours96 marks in total33.3% of A Level course	Written exam: 2 hours96 marks in total33.3% of A Level course
What type of questions?	What type of questions?	What type of questions?
Multiple choice questionsShort answer questionsExtended writing	Multiple choice questionsShort answer questionsExtended writing	 Multiple choice questions Short answer questions Extended writing