

A Level Psychology

Curriculum content

Half term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Approaches Biopsychology Attachment Research methods	Approaches Y13 Biopsychology Relationships Issues & Debates Research methods
Autumn 2	Attachment Social influence Psychopathology Research methods	Biopsychology Relationships Approaches Y13
Spring 1	Social influence Memory Psychopathology Research methods	Biopsychology Forensic Stress
Spring 2	Social influence Attachment Psychopathology Mock revision Research methods	Forensic Stress
Summer 1	Memory Attachment Research methods	Revise Year 1 + Year 2 content and exam practice
Summer 2	Issues & Debates Research methods	Study Leave

Skills

The skills developed throughout the course include:

- recalling detailed information accurately
- drawing together information from different areas of psychology
- applying knowledge and understanding of key issues in psychology
- analysing and evaluating approaches which underpin human behaviour
- constructing extended responses to questions, showing reasoning and conclusive skills
- communicating with relevance, clarity and coherence
- identifying research methods and principles in psychological research
- using mathematical procedures
- Demonstrating knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the content
- Applying psychological knowledge and understanding of the content into a range of new situations
- Analysing, interpreting and evaluating psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods to the content.
- Evaluating therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness
- At least 25 – 30% of the overall assessment will assess skills, knowledge and understanding in relation to research methods.
- Overall, at least 10% of the marks in assessments for psychology will require the use of mathematical skills. These skills will be applied in the context of A-level Psychology and will be at least the standard of higher tier GCSE mathematics.

Assessment

Internal assessment takes place in each unit of work throughout the course, and in line with the school's assessment policy. For the award of the qualification, this Linear A level from AQA is examined entirely by examination at the end of Year 13. There are three papers, each equally weighted: Further details about the course can be found at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

Paper 1 – Introductory topics in psychology

Paper 2 – Psychology in context

Paper 3 – Issues and options in psychology