

St Bede's Catholic College

Year 11 into 12
Transition Work

Psychology



Exam board: AQA

Course length: Two years

Specification: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182/specification-at-a-glance>

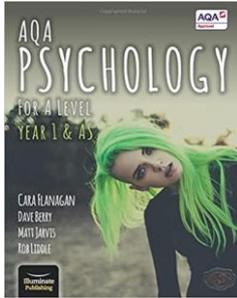
Exam structure

	Content	Assessment Overview
Paper 1	Social influence Memory Attachments Psychopathology	Written exam 96 marks 2 hr paper 33.3% total A level
Paper 2	Approaches Biopsychology Research Methods	Written exam 96 marks 2 hr paper 33.3% total A Level
Paper 3	Issues and Debates Relationships Aggression Schizophrenia	Written exam 96 marks 2 hr paper 33.3% total A Level

No coursework

Useful textbooks:

Year 1



AQA Psychology for A-level Year 1 & AS

Authors: Cara Flanagan, Dave Berry, Matt Jarvis, Rob Liddle

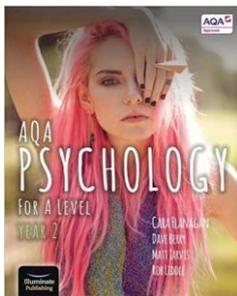
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Year 12 will have access to the online text after they start the course

Year 2:



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Useful websites: readings, presentations and videos

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology>

<https://www.psychboost.com/>

<https://www.ted.com/talks?topics%5B%5D=psychology>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb>

<https://www.bps.org.uk/public/what-is-psychology>

Sample/past papers:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182/assessment-resources>

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/collections/aqa-a-level-psychology-example-answers-2019>

Transition work:

Psychology: *the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour*

1. "Why is Psychology a science"?

Write an answer to this question in approximately 200 words or one side of A4.

Ensure you research what the "features of science" are before answering the question. You can compare to other science subjects, give examples of psychological research or methods used (ways they do their research), and/or even criticise the idea that it can be a science.

You may find some of the links above particularly useful. No cutting and pasting.

2. Psychological History Timeline

Create a Psychological History Timeline on one side of A4.

On your timeline you should include a number of features such as the ones below (but not necessarily ONLY these). To make a high quality timeline, you will need to research additional information on each and show this in your work.

The Curious Case of Phineas Gage; Wilhelm Wundt's Psychology Lab; when the British Psychological Society and the American Psychological Association were founded; when Sigmund Freud started performing therapy in Vienna; Sigmund Freud publishes "The Interpretation of Dreams"; John E. Watson published 'Psychology as a Behaviourist Views it'; Pavlov's Dog Studies are published; Carl Rogers publishes "Counselling and Psychotherapy", and the first use of a brain scan in Psychological research.

A great link for this task is <https://allpsych.com/timeline/> along with above links.

3. Approaches in Psychology

There are some core approaches to Psychology that you need to know for your A level – they are different ways of explaining human behaviours. Some of these are listed below. Your task is to do some written research on **any two** (or more if you choose!) of them using the internet, links above and You Tube is very useful.

You should research: the features of this approach; how it might explain human behaviour; identify one key researcher from this area including why they are famous (the research they did for example):

The Behaviourist Approach

The Social Learning Theory Approach

The Cognitive Approach

The Biological Approach

Optional extension: The Psychodynamic Approach & Humanistic Approach

4. Researching Psychological Disorders: Fact file

Your task is to explore some psychology in the real world by looking at **any two** of the following disorders. For each, you should create a short fact file on one side of A4 outlining: **features** of the disorder (describe it), the psychological (or biological) **causes** and how psychologists **treat** this disorder:

Depression

Schizophrenia

Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Agoraphobia

Gambling addiction

5. Researching the brain: Brain drawing task

Create a drawing/picture of the brain. It can be a scientific drawing in cross section or even an artistic representation using any medium, digital or otherwise. Label it and *briefly* identify the function of parts. The best ones will be used to decorate the classroom.

Spend some time learning about the different parts of the brain and their function. It will really help you in your A level.

You may find this link really interesting:

<https://www.livescience.com/search?searchTerm=10+things+learned+about+brain+in+2019>

Bring the above work to our first lesson in September and make sure it is in your own words. Check for accuracy and spelling.

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