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AQA A level Psychology is a 2 year linear course

Examination 100%-Two mock exams planned for current yr 12 and 13: February 2018 and Summer 2018 for assessment and UCAS writing. Mocks will always take place in Spring and summer- we also have regular half termly assessment and one to one feedback.

AQA A Level Psychology

Examination 100%

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology.

Students will research, design, conduct and analyse under the headings of:

- **Social Influence** : Conformity and Obedience – studying research by Asch, Zimbardo and Milgram
- **Memory** : Types of memory including eyewitness testimony
- **Attachment:** The study of children and their development especially research by Bowlby, Lorenz, Harlow and Ainsworth.
- **Psychopathology** : diagnosis and treatments for phobias, depression and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder

Paper 2: Psychology in Context

Students will develop an understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research, methodologies and ethics and apply those skills under the headings of:

- **Approaches:** Research by Wundt, Pavlov, Skinner and Bandura. Learning approaches, cognitive, biological, psychodynamic and humanistic psychology, comparison of approaches
- **Biopsychology** : localisation of function in the brain, ways of studying the brain, biological rhythms
- **Research Methods** : data collection and data handling

Paper 3: Issues and Debates in Psychology:

Issues and Debates: Gender and culture in Psychology, debates in Psychology and ethical implications of research studies and theory.

Options in Psychology: Students will study the following three topics in depth: Schizophrenia, Gender and Forensic Psychology

All 3 papers are examined in Summer 2018 for current year 13 and summer 2019 for current year 12 students. Each paper is 2 hours and makes up 33.3% of final A level total.

There will be a mix of multiple choice questions, short answer questions, scenario-based questions and longer answer questions of up to 16 marks.

We have a collection of exemplar material from AQA, Exampro and from anonymous student exam papers for further scrutiny.

Material from all these sources are kept on Moodle and available in an electronic format for you to read.

We offer a subscription through the school for Psychology review- the main student magazine for Psychology.

We also encourage students to use external help from Loopa- <https://www.loopa.co.uk/>

This site is offered for psychology students who study the specification and provide useful material for study.

We run a trip in year 12 and a trip to The Old Bailey in year 13.