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PSYCHOLOGY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

KS5 Leader: Ms D. Bogle-
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Course Entry Requirements:
Grade 5 in English Language



Course Outline

Psychology as a subject has great relevance to us all; it investigates the way humans and animals think and behave; including memory, attachment in early childhood, research techniques, abnormal behaviour and stress. Psychology is a contemporary and popular subject providing a good basis for a number of arts and Science subjects, and a wide variety of careers; clinical, forensic, educational and sports psychology, education and teaching, social work, psychiatry and medicine, media and journalism to name but a few.

ASSESSMENT

The assessment of A Level Psychology comprises of three papers of equal weighting.

Paper 1: 33.3%

Paper 2: 33.3%

Paper 3: 33.3%

LEARNING STRATEGIES



Case study analysis



Decision making, role play and data
analysis



Essays and research



Educational Visits



Thought provoking

debates and case studies



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COURSE DETAILS



Paper 1:

This examination comprises of:

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology bringing in mental illness.

Paper 2

Psychology in context comprises of:

- Approaches in psychology
- Biopsychology
- Research methods

This paper is designed to build on the knowledge learnt in year one

Paper 3

Issues and options in Psychology. This exam will introduce a range of debates in Psychology that dominate the way we think :

- Nature V Nurture,
- Holism and reductionism
- Idiographic
- Nomothetic approaches.

There will also be nine options to choose from that will put Psychology into practice: Relationships, Gender, Cognition, Schizophrenia, Eating Behaviour, Stress, Aggression, Addiction and Forensic Psychology