

## Course information for Parents

### Year/Keystage: KS4 Subject: Psychology

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#### Subject Content

Psychology is the scientific study of the human brain and behaviour. Below are the topics we cover over the 3 years:

**Paper 1** includes 5 topics:

- Topic 1: Development
- Topic 2: Memory
- Topic 3: Psychological problems
- Topic 4: The brain and neuropsychology
- Topic 5: Social Influence

**Paper 2** includes 3 topics:

- Topic 1: Criminal Psychology
- Topic 2: Sleep and dreaming
- Topic 3: Research Methods

Students will start Year 9 with a brief introduction to psychology as they have not studied the subject before.

#### Additional Equipment Needed (Ingredients, headphones, PE kit, etc.)

A calculator is required for both exams so we expect you to bring one to every lesson (the one you use for GCSE Maths is great).

Exercise books will be provided.

#### Assessment Details:

To be successful students will need to be able to:

- **AO1:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas, processes and procedures
- **AO2:** Apply knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas, processes and procedures
- **AO3:** Analyse and evaluate psychological information, ideas, processes and procedures to make judgements and draw conclusions

Students will develop the above skills in their psychology lessons. Every exam will also involve some GCSE level maths questions, this will be taught during the psychology lessons.

Students will complete 2 exam papers in exam conditions at the end of Year 11, there is no coursework included in GCSE Psychology.

**Paper 1:** This paper is 1 hour 45 minutes long and will be out of 98 marks (55% of GCSE).

**Paper 2:** This paper is 1 hour 20 minutes long and will be out of 79 marks (45% of GCSE).

Both exam papers require students to answer a range of multiple choice questions, short answer questions and extended writing questions.

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### What can I do to support my child at home?

Please encourage your child to regularly review the notes they have made in class to check their understanding. Encourage them to use their PLC's (these will be provided by the teacher) to identify any notes that are missing and ask them to speak to their subject teacher to help get caught up.

Testing your child on psychological key terms can also really benefit them; students will have a list of these in their revision booklets with definitions. Read one of the definitions out to your child and get them to tell you which word it is referring to OR give them a key term and get them to tell you the definition.

Discuss the psychology lesson topics with your child, get them to explain what they have learnt during the lesson and see if they can apply it to any real life behaviour they observe at home.

### Recommended resources for the course:

#### Websites:

The following link is for the exam board website where you will find past papers and useful information about the course:

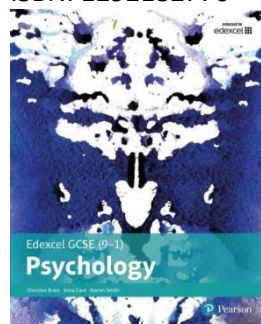
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/psychology-2017.html>

#### Books:

The main book for the GCSE psychology is:

Edexcel GCSE (9-1) Psychology Student Book by Christine Brain and Karren Smith

ISBN: 1292182776



There are no revision books published yet for GCSE psychology.

**Apps:** None available at this stage

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#### Additional Information:

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