

Course information for Parents

Year/Keystage: KS5 Subject: Psychology

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Examination Board	Edexcel	Specification Code	9PS0
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Subject Content

Paper 1:

Social Psychology (prejudice, discrimination and obedience)

Cognitive Psychology (memory)

Biological Psychology (aggression and drugs)

Learning Psychology (phobias and treatments)

Paper 2:

Child Psychology (attachment, privation, deprivation, autism, research methods)

Clinical Psychology (diagnosis, schizophrenia, depression, researching mental health)

Paper 3: Issues and debates in Psychology

This paper is a synoptic review of all areas students have covered, students will link the previous topics to debates such as: nature vs. nurture, is psychology a science, cultural issues.

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

A calculator is required for all exams (a scientific calculator is preferable, the one you used for GCSE Maths is great)

Lever arch folder with file dividers (refer to information provided by 6th form team on how this should be set up)

Lined paper

Assessment Details:

To be successful students will need to be able to:

- **AO1:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures.
- **AO2** Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques and procedures.
- **AO3** Analyse, interpret and evaluate scientific information, ideas and evidence, including in relation to issues, to make judgements and reach conclusions, develop and refine practical design and procedures.

Students will sit the following three exams at the end of Year 13. There are no exams in Year 12 as this is a linear qualification:

Paper 1: Foundations in Psychology (35% of A-Level grade)

Paper 2: Applications of Psychology (35% of A-Level grade)

Paper 3: Psychological Skills (30% of A-Level grade)

All three exams consist of a range of short answer questions to essay style questions. Around 10% of each exam will assess student's mathematical skills. These maths questions will be GCSE level and above and students will be taught the skills needed to answer these questions in class.

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What can I do to support my child at home?

Ensure that your child is using the Edexcel website (link below) to complete practice exam questions. Students will be shown how to use this website in class and will be encouraged to complete these as part of their revision. If you need any more help on how to use this website, please contact the class teacher (email below).

Encourage your child to watch the news and carry out wider reading on the topics they learn in class.

You should also encourage your child to make revision resources for each topic as they are taught it. If they leave these revision resources until the end of the year it will become an unmanageable task.

Speak to your child about what they are learning in class and the homework they have to complete, they will receive at least one piece of homework per week (sometimes more).

Recommended resources for the course:

Websites:

The Edexcel Website where students can access past papers, mark schemes and the specification:

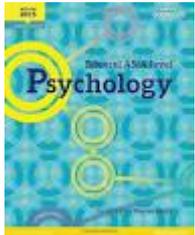
<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/psychology-2015.html>

A revision website which students can use to help them to revise for their exams:

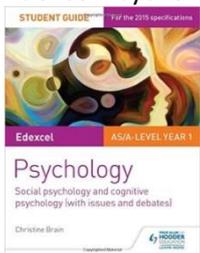
<http://www.psychologywizard.net/>

Books:

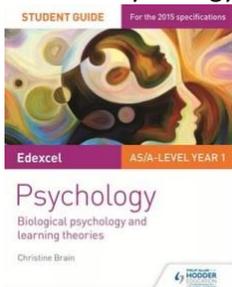
Edexcel AS/A Level Psychology by Karren Smith ISBN: 9781447982463



Revision books: Some example revision books you can purchase if you want to
Edexcel Psychology Student Guide 1: Social psychology and Cognitive psychology

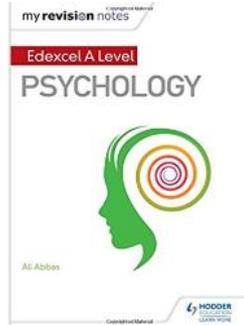


Edexcel Psychology Student Guide 2: Biological Psychology and Learning theories



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Edexcel A Level Psychology My Revision Notes (this does not have any evaluation but is good for description)



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Additional Information:

Psychology support club will be on once a week after school and any student can attend to get extra support with their psychology studies.