

Your Learning Route Through A-Level Psychology

Paper 1 – Foundations in Psychology
This paper is 2 hours long, and is worth 35% of your overall grade in A-Level Psychology

Paper 2 – Applications of Psychology
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Onwards and Upwards
From here, you may choose to do a degree in Psychology, Law, Sociology or any other humanities subject. Some students go on to study Medicine or Nursing. You may end up in a career in education, research, mental health, medicine, law, the criminal justice system and so much more!

Paper 3 – Psychological skills
This paper is 2 hours long, and is worth 30% of your overall grade in A-Level Psychology

Paper 1 exam **Paper 2 exam**
Paper 3 exam

Synoptic skills
This part of the course involves a lot of class discussion around the issues and debates, and fine-tunes your understanding of evaluation and research methods too.

You will then move onto your **Paper Three** content. This is a skills-based part of the course which involves a lot of class discussion and debate, and will be a time to fine-tune your exam technique too.

Revision of exam skills

Synoptic skills

Child Psychology

This topic focusses on children, how they attach to adults and what happens if an attachment is never formed. Within this topic we also explore Autism, and therapies commonly used with autistic children.

Clinical Psychology

This topic revolves around the discussion of two mental health disorders: depression and schizophrenia. We learn about these disorders in detail; the symptoms and causes of the disorder, and how we can treat the disorders in a variety of ways. We also look at how diagnosis is carried out.

Child Psychology

Clinical Psychology

Year 13

You will then move onto your **Paper Two** content. These two topics focus on the applications of Psychology. Some of this will be started at the very end of year 12, but the rest will be done in year 13.

Issues and Debates
The issues and debates can be asked about in all three papers you will sit at the end of the year.

Issues and Debates in Psychology

Learning

This topic discusses how humans learn behaviour, and applies this knowledge to how we can explain and treat a phobia. We also apply these theories to anorexia and discuss how we might develop and best treat anorexia as a result.

Learning Psychology

Biological

This is the most scientific part of the course as it revolves around the brain, neurotransmission and the central nervous system, and how these interact to change our behaviour. We look at the biological explanation of aggression.

Biological Psychology

Cognitive Psychology

Cognitive
This topic explores the complex phenomenon that is memory. In this topic, you will learn all about brain-damaged patients that have lost most of their memory and discuss the reasons for this. A popular discussion in this topic is the trustworthiness of eyewitness testimony.

You will then move onto your **Paper One** content. This will be taught by two teachers, so you will learn two topics at a time.

Social

This topic focusses on obedience and prejudice. It explores the reasons we obey people and why we become prejudiced against others. Within this we also talk about football hooliganism and how we can reduce it.

Social Psychology

How do researchers keep things ethical?

In the first few months of your lessons, you will explore the foundations of Psychology, learning all about what it is and how research is conducted. You will also learn the key skill of **evaluation** which will help you throughout the course.

How do I evaluate research?

What is Psychology?

Year 12