

SUBJECT: PSYCHOLOGY



EXAM BOARD: AQA

Course Overview

At the end of year 13 you will take the A Level examination in Psychology

Paper 1

Introducing Topics in Psychology

Unit one:

- Memory
- Social Influence
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Paper 2

Psychology in Context

Unit two:

- Approaches
- BioPsychology
- Research methods

Paper 3

Issues and Options in Psychology

Unit Three:

- Issues and Debates in Psychology
- Gender
- Forensic Psychology
- Schizophrenia

Useful websites

www.bps.org.uk

www.aqa.co.uk

www.simplypsychology.org/

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology>

Essential text books (bold) and reading list

- **AQA A-level Psychology Book 127 Mar 2015 by Jean-Marc Lawton and Eleanor Willard**
- **New 2015 A-Level Psychology: AQA Year 1 & AS Complete Revision & Practice 21 May 2015 by CGP Books**
- The curious incident of the dog in the night time by Mark Haddon
- Opening Skinner's Box: Great Psychological Experiments of the Twentieth Century by Lauren Slater
- Elephants on Acid by Alex Boese
- We need to talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver
- One flew over the Cuckoos nest by Ken Kesey

Summer task

Multiple choice questions AND Answer the following question in up to 500 words.
"What is Psychology?"

Include in your answer reference to the following key perspectives in Psychology:
Biological, Behaviourist, Social learning theory, Cognitive, Psychodynamic and Humanistic

Extension. Go to the AQA website and have a look at the details of the course and recommended reading.

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>

