

PSYCHOLOGY

Subject title	A2 Psychology
Exam board	OCR
Specification number:	Psychology – H569
Time allowance each week	5 hours/ 4.5 hours

A2 Course

Assessment

Types of Assessment

Three examinations

Examination 1: 33.3% of final grade

Examination 2: 33.3% of final grade

Examination 3: 33.3% of final grade

Timings of Assessment

The course is linear and all exams will be completed in the summer of year 13

Nature of Assessments

Examination 1: Research Methods. A 2 hour exam in to the application of and issues surrounding Research Methods

Examination 2: Approaches, Issues and Debates through the Core Studies. A 2 hour exam in key themes in psychology and the 20 classic and contemporary core studies which are associated with them.

Examination 3: Applied Psychology. A 2 hour exam in the three areas we study to which psychology has been applied: Mental Health, Criminality and Child Development

Skills developed during the course

Communication, Application of Number, Information Technology, Working with Others, Improving Own Learning and Performance and Problem Solving

Topics Covered during the course

Include issues and debates around:

Social psychology (responses to people in authority)

Developmental psychology (external influences on children's behaviour)

Cognitive psychology (memory)
Biological psychology (regions of the brain)
Psychology of Individual differences (understanding disorders)
Research methods- understanding different research methods and techniques and issues associated with them. Planning and conducting research. Recording, analysing and presenting data.
Mental Health- explanations, treatments, categorisation.
Criminality- making a criminal, building a case, in the courtroom, dealing with offenders
Child Psychology- the teen brain, attachment, perceptual development

Home Study

Expected time allocation for psychology: Up to 5 hours each week.

It is expected that students take time to cement their knowledge through private reading of both their notes and their textbooks on a regular basis.

Written or creative tasks will be regularly provided as learning tools. Independent research in to issues surrounding psychological studies will be undertaken.

Help for home study

Teacher support during lunch times in S13.

Appropriate websites eg www.studocu.com

Course notes, resources supplied during contact time, text book, pack of core studies summaries.

Additional support for the course

See above. Also, revision sessions will be arranged after school in the run up to exams.

Additional Information about the course

Students are provided with a textbook for personal use over the year. It is expected that they have appropriate files, dividers, and stationary.

Teachers

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