

A Level Psychology

Subject Title	Psychology
Exam board	AQA
Specification code	AS 7181, A2 7182
Exam details	AS (Y12) 2 Papers: 1h 30 each A2 (Y13) 3 Papers: 2h each
Setting arrangements	n/a
Time allowed	12 lessons per fortnight
Link to the Toolkit:	tinyurl.com/ShelPsychKit
Textbooks and revision guides	<p>Textbooks Psychology A Level Year 1 and AS: The Complete Companion Student Book ISBN: 9780198436324 Psychology for A Level Year 2: The Complete Companion Student Book ISBN: 9780198436331</p> <p>Revision guide AQA for A Level Revision Guide ISBN: 9780198366515</p>
Homework information	3-4 hours per week Content revision, practice exam questions, independent research, revision resource creation, wider reading

Term	Topics	Skills	Assessment
Y12 1	Social Influence: conformity, obedience and social change	Critical analysis Exam technique Role of experiments Ethical issues	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam

2	Approaches in Psychology: key explanations of human behaviour	Compare/contrast approaches Evaluating approaches Applying approaches to mental health	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
3	Psychopathology: explanations and treatments for mental disorders	Critical analysis Application of specialist terminology	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
4	Memory: types, accuracy and forgetting	Consolidation of experiments Application of case studies Conducting own experiment	Student practical End of topic practice exam
5	Attachment: childhood bonding and impacts	Explore cultural bias Analyse issues of animal research Investigate real-world application of research	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
5	Bio Psychology: nervous system, synaptic transmission, endocrine system	Assessment of biological factors and behaviour Evaluation of the research process	Class/group practical End of topic practice exam
6	Research methods: non- /experimental methods	Evaluation of biological factors in behaviour Data analysis	Class/group practical End of topic practice exam
Y13 1/2	Schizophrenia: a complex and very misunderstood disorder	Classification process Compare and contrast explanations and treatments	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
1/2	Forensic Psychology: offending behaviour and criminal profiling	Critical analysis Data analysis and evaluation	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
2/3	Gender: what does this concept mean?	Compare and contrast Issues evaluation Specialist concepts	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
2/3	Bio Psychology: circadian, ultradian & infradian rhythms and brain recovery	Scientific analysis of psychology Role of physiology in behaviour	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam

4	Issues and Debates: synoptic unit	Deep knowledge of topics Synopticity	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
4	Research Methods: statistical testing, peer review and ethical implications	Assessment of the research process Conducting own research	MCQs, short and extended answers Wider reading, presentations End of topic practice exam
Links to websites and revision materials:		https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/topics https://www.psychteacher.co.uk/	