

### **SUBJECT:** Psychology A Level

## **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:**Dr R Frampton

# **EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:** AQA 7182 / QAN: 6014838X

#### **SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:**

Paper 1 – Introductory topics to Psychology - Social Influence, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology.

Paper 2 – Psychology in context - Approaches in Psychology, Biopsychology and Research Methods.

Paper 3 – Issues and Options in Psychology – Issues and Debates in Psychology plus three options: relationships, schizophrenia and addiction.

Please note that approximately 1/3 of this course is comprised of research methods and mathematical skills.

#### WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

If you have an enquiring mind, a good sense of humour and enjoy reading and debating then this is the subject for you. The study of Psychology will enable you to gain fascinating insights into human and animal behaviour.

#### SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

You will need to show a willingness to undertake wider reading and further study outside the classroom. You will need to be aware of and engaged in up to date news stories that link to different aspects of the course.

#### **HOW IS IT ASSESSED?**

Paper 1 - Introductory topics to Psychology written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total, 33.3% of A-level.

Paper 2 - Psychology in context, written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total, 33.3% of A-level.

Paper 3 - Issues and Options in Psychology -written exam: 2 hours, 96 marks in total, 33.3% of A-level.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You will develop many different skills through this course such as:

Develop knowledge and understanding of science and how science works

Recall and organise scientific knowledge

Analyse and evaluate scientific knowledge

Apply knowledge to everyday and unfamiliar situations

Data handling techniques

Use of and evaluation of scientific methodology

	SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, you will need to have at least a grade 6 in Sciences and a grade 6 or better in English Language.
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