



TOPICS FOR YEARS 12 AND 13

YEAR OF STUDY

MEMORY, ATTACHMENT, SOCIAL, CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY	YEAR 12
APPROACHES, RESEARCH METHODS, BIOPSYCHOLOGY	YEAR 12
ISSUES AND DEBATES AND RELATIONSHIPS	YEAR 13
SCHIZOPHRENIA AND FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	YEAR 13

EXAM DATES

YEAR 12 GATEWAY EXAMS	JUNE 2026
YEAR 13 MOCK EXAMS	MARCH 2027
YEAR 13 FINAL EXAMS	MAY/ JUNE 2027

UNIT 1 – SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY, MEMORY, ATTACHMENT AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

- CONFORMITY, OBEDIENCE, RESISTANCE TO SOCIAL INFLUENCE, SOCIAL CHANGE
- TYPES OF MEMORY, MODELS OF MEMORY AND EYEWITNESS TESTIMONY
- CAREGIVER INTERACTIONS, ATTACHMENT TYPES AND MATERNAL DEPRIVATION
- ABNORMALITY, PHOBIAS, DEPRESSION, OCD AND TREATMENTS

UNIT 2 – APPROACHES, BIOPSYCHOLOGY AND RESEARCH METHODS

- COGNITIVE, LEARNING, PSYCHODYNAMIC, BIOLOGICAL, HUMANISTIC APPROACHES
- CNS, NEUROTRANSMITTERS, ENDOCRINE SYSTEM, BRAIN FUNCTION AND SCANS
- EXPERIMENTAL METHODS, SCIENTIFIC PROCESSES, DATA HANDLING, STATISTICS

UNIT 3 – ISSUES AND DEBATES, RELATIONSHIPS, SCHIZOPHRENIA AND FORENSICS

- THE FORMATION, MAINTENANCE AND BREAKDOWN OF RELATIONSHIPS
- PHYSIOLOGY OF SCHIZOPHRENIA SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENTS
- OFFENDER PROFILING, EXPLANATIONS OF OFFENDING AND CUSTODIAL SENTENCES
- FREE WILL - DETERMINISM, NATURE - NURTURE, REDUCTIONISM - HOLISM, ETHICS

OTHER INFORMATION

Exam Board and Specification

AQA Psychology A Level 7182 www.aqa.psychology.specification

Course Textbooks

AQA Psychology For A Level Year 1 & AS Authors Cara Flanagan, Dave Berry, Matt Jarvis and Rob Liddle (ISBN 9781908682406)

AQA Psychology For A Level year 2. Authors Cara Flanagan, Dave Berry, Matt Jarvis and Rob Liddle (ISBN 9781908682413)

Independent work

Pupils have access to the resources on the TBSHS Psychology Gateway, including resources, reading material, revision sites and past papers. Past papers and mark schemes are available to download from www.mathsmadeeasypsychology

Equipment

Students will need folders, paper, pens, highlighters, dividers, a calculator and the subject specific textbooks.