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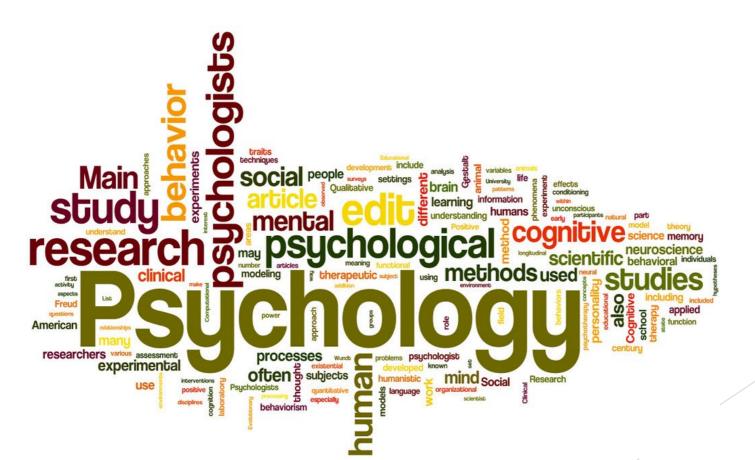
St Francis of Assisi





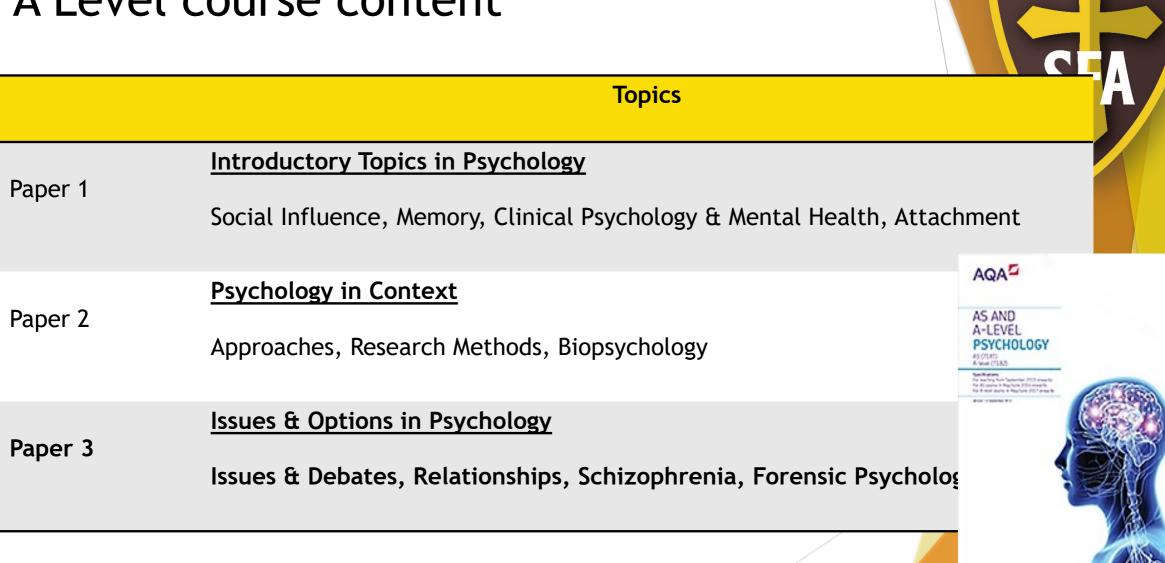
What is Psychology?

▶ The scientific study of the mind, brain and behaviour.





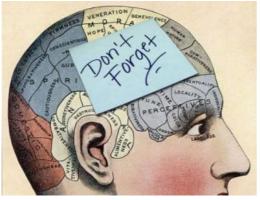
A Level course content



Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology All studied in year 12











Social Influence

Conformity Obedience Minority influence

Memory

Cognitive models
Eyewitness testimony
Cognitive interviews

Clinical Psychology & Mental Health

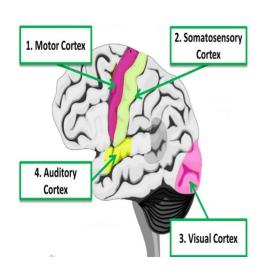
Explanations and treatments of; Phobias OCD Depression

Attachment

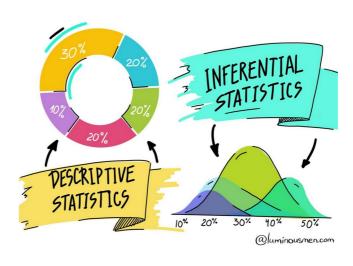
Types of
Attachment
influences of
attachment
Animal studies

Paper 2 Psychology in Context

Split between year 12 and year 13







Biopsychology

Neurons, Nervous System Brain localization Studying the brain Biological rhythms

Approaches

Behaviourism Cognitive Biological Psychodynamic Humanistic

Research Methods

Experimental methods and designs
Statistical analysis
Research reports
Ethical issues
Graphs and measures

Paper 3 Issues & Options in Psychology Studied in year 13







Issues & Debates

Nature vs nurture Determinism vs free will Methodology and ethics Schizophrenia

Psychodynamic and biological explanations
Treatments and therapies

Relationships

Theories of romantic relationships
Virtual and parasocial Relationship Breakdown

Forensic Psychology

Criminal profiling
Explanations of offending
Dealing with offenders

Skills

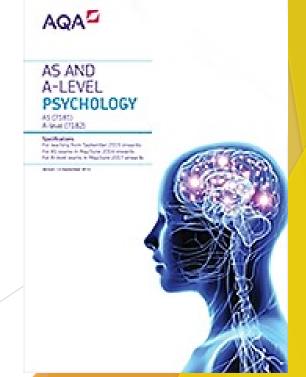
- Transferrable skills evaluation, critical thinking, analysis
- Literacy skills essay writing
- Numeracy handling data
- Research experimental and investigative activities
- Application of Psychological knowledge



A Level exams for 2028 entry

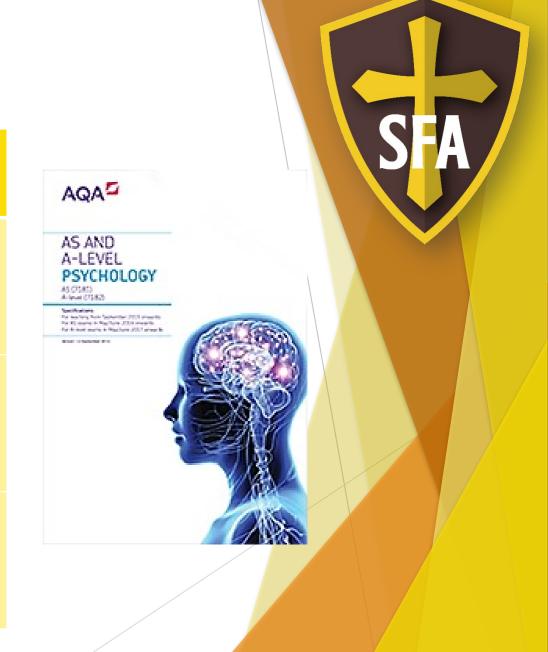
	Topics	Exams
Paper 1 33%	Introductory Topics in Psychology Social Influence, Memory, Clinical Psychology & Mental Health, Attachment	June 2028
Paper 2 33%	Psychology in Context Biopsychology, Approaches, Research Methods	June 2028
Paper 3 33%	Issues & Options in Psychology Issues & Debates, Relationships, Schizophrenia, Forensic Psychology	June 2028





Exam results

2025	2024	2023	2022
A*-B	A*-B	A*-B	A*-B
53.6%	79.2%	35.0%	58.0%
A*-C	A*-C	A*-C	A*-C
71.5%	91.7%	69.0%	79.0%
A*-E	A-D	A*-E	A-D
100%	100%	97%	100%





- Teaching
- Research
- Advertising
- Marketing
- Business
- Recruitment
- Sales
- Police
- Social Work
- Midwifery
- Nursing



Psychology ambassador comments

Studying Psychology is an enriching, fascinating experience and I would thoroughly recommend choosing it as one of your A-level options, as it brings life-long learning and opportunities!



Psychology has opened my eyes to the ways and reasons why people behave. I especially love that psychology is applicable to all of life.



A-level Psychology has been both an extremely fascinating and challenging experience it has provided me with crucial analytical and descriptive skills that I will be able to take forward with me to any future experiences both at university and







Questions...

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