



## Your Guide to Year 12 Psychology

### Assessment Criteria

Every half term students are assessed using **national curriculum levels and sub levels**. Each assessment is marked using this criteria which outlines the differences between each level. This is given to students at the beginning of the school year. A copy is attached for your perusal.

<b>Expectations of Students</b>			
Students are expected to come equipped with appropriate stationary. They also need to read their teachers comments in their books and act on the feedback given. Students are expected to complete their progress tracking in the front of their books after every assessment.			
<b>Year 12</b>	<b>Topic Title and unit</b>	<b>What students will be learning</b>	<b>How you can specifically help your child</b>
HT1	1. Research Methods  2. Cognitive (Memory)	<p>A knowledge and understanding of research methods, scientific processes and techniques of data handling and analysis, be familiar with their use and be aware of their strengths and limitations</p> <p>Models of memory, types of long term memory, explanations of forgetting, factors affecting the accuracy of eye witness testimony and improving the accuracy including the use of cognitive interviews</p>	<p>Encourage your child to access the online textbook <a href="http://www.illuminate.digital/">http://www.illuminate.digital/</a> to help with homework and in preparation for future lessons and revision.</p> <p>Username STUDORGAB91 password STUDENT</p> <p>Or alternatively you could buy a hard copy of the textbook AQA Psychology for A Level year 1 &amp; AS by Flanagan, Berry, Jarvis &amp; Liddle (ISBN 978-1-908682-40-6)</p> <p>Suggest they join The British Psychological Societies emailing list to learn about up to date research <a href="http://www.bps.org.uk/news/research-digest">http://www.bps.org.uk/news/research-digest</a></p> <p>Recommend they create revision materials as they go along as there are 6 topics they will need to revise/practice papers by summer</p> <p>Monitor their submission of the weekly psychology homework set every Friday on <a href="https://www.showmyhomework.co.uk/">https://www.showmyhomework.co.uk/</a> - encourage them to start it early so that if they have difficulty that have time to speak to or email their teacher before the deadline <a href="mailto:jcarlin-morton@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk">jcarlin-morton@redditch.tgacademy.org.uk</a></p>
HT2	1. Cognitive (Memory)  2. Developmental (Attachment)		<p>Recommend your child watches the relevant crash course psychology clips to provide them with a basic background knowledge <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo4pMVb0R6M">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo4pMVb0R6M</a></p>
HT2	1. Mock Exams  2. Approaches	<p>The exam will cover the 3 topics learnt so far and will be a combination of multiple choice, SAQ &amp; extended essay questions to reflect the real exams.</p> <p>To understand the three approaches, to explain the main assumptions of each approach and to be able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of each approach</p>	<p>Log onto the AQA website to see a copy of the new syllabus and practice exam papers <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology</a></p> <p>Access psychological websites to gain additional information on the topic <a href="http://www.simplypsychology.org/research-methods.html">http://www.simplypsychology.org/research-methods.html</a> <a href="http://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference">http://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference</a></p>



	3. Biopsychology	The divisions of the nervous system: central and peripheral (somatic and autonomic). The structure and function of 3 types of neurons. The process of synaptic transmission.	
HT3	1. Biopsychology  2. Psychopathology	The function of the endocrine system: glands and hormones. The fight or flight response including the role of adrenaline  To identify the characteristics of OCD, Phobias & Depression, to understand the three approaches explanations of OCD, Phobias & Depression and be able to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of each approaches explanation, to explain the main treatments used by each approach for the three disorders and provide evaluation for each.	Encourage your child to access the online textbook <a href="http://www.illuminate.digital/">http://www.illuminate.digital/</a> to help with homework and in preparation for future lessons and revision. Username STUDORGAB91 password STUDENT
HT4	1. Social Influence  2. Exam leave – Paper One & Two	To develop critical appreciation of psychological research into conformity, types of conformity & explanations for conformity and the validity of psychological research. Have an understanding of obedience research and explanations and their relevance in the real world. To have a critical appreciation of the evidence for resisting social influence and the process of social change	Access psychological websites to gain additional information on the topic  <a href="http://www.simplypsychology.org/research-methods.html">http://www.simplypsychology.org/research-methods.html</a> <a href="http://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference">http://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference</a>  Log onto the AQA website to see a copy of the new syllabus and practice exam papers <a href="http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology">http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology</a>
HT5	1. A Level Approaches  2. A Level Research Methods  3. A Level Biopsychology		
HT6	3. Research Methods  4. Cognitive (Memory)		

**Key dates** and what students will be doing  
End of Unit Summative Tests (at the end of each topic)  
Mock Exams in January 2017  
Two AS Exams in May 2017

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