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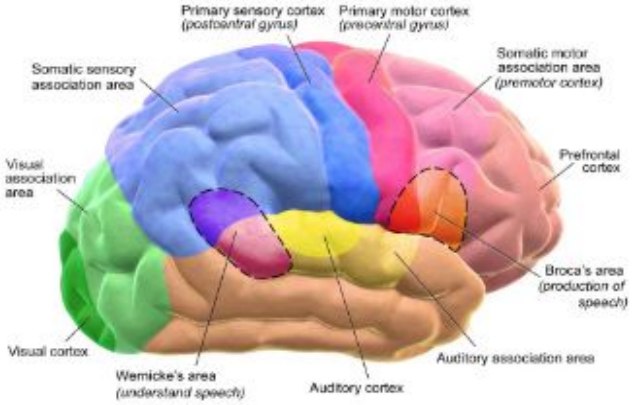
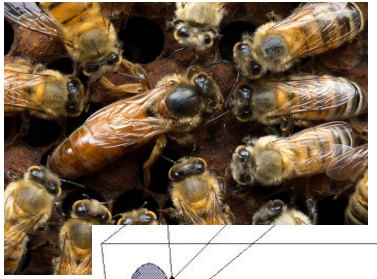
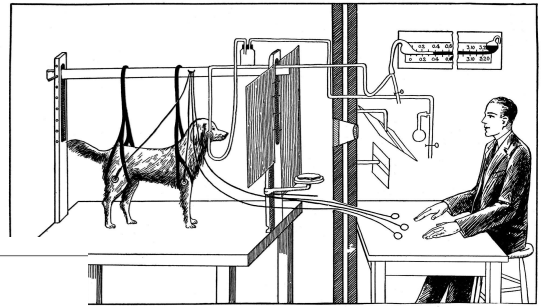
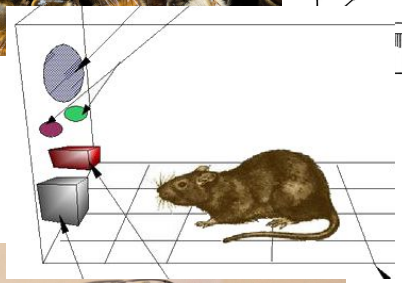
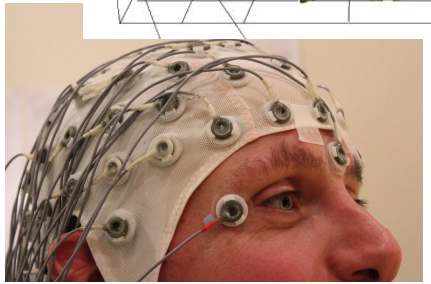
Welcome to the Psychology Department

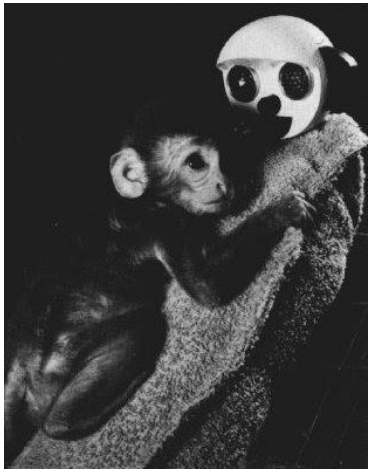












Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour and the mind.

What is Psychology?

By studying Psychology, students can develop a solid understanding of a range of **psychological theories, concepts and studies,** which are applicable to understanding **human behaviour, thought and emotions in everyday life.**

Did you know? …

- Psychology is the 4th most popular degree choice and the 5th most popular A-level choice. Psychology is one of the UK's fastest growing subjects.

What are the key reasons why students choose to study Psychology?

- Interest in conducting research
- Fascination about the human mind
- A desire to learn more about why we behave in the way that we do

Why study Psychology ?

Have you ever wondered whether criminals are born or made?

Have you ever wondered why siblings can behave so differently?

Have you ever wondered why some people suffer from mental health problems and not others?

Why study Psychology ?

These are some of the questions that you will analyse during the course. The study of Psychology allows students to critically consider a range of explanations to such questions through key theories and concepts.

What will I be doing?

Skills I will learn

Psychology students will be expected to engage in **debates and discussions** in the classroom and take an active stance in their learning. In doing so, students develop their written, **evaluative, investigative and analytical** skills along the way.

What will I be doing?

<u>Carrying out your own research</u>

You will learn how to conduct psychological research. This provides you with the opportunity to grasp what is involved in different research methods and allows you to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each technique.

What will I be doing?

<u>Apply to the real world</u>

You will learn key pieces of research in Psychology and analyse how theories and concepts have changed and developed over time. You will also learn about how psychology is used in the real word through the study of applied psychology.

What skill will I develop?

- **Research:** Conduct your own research and critically analyse the use of a range of research methods used in core studies.
- **Debate:** Considering alternative viewpoints, listening to the views of others and reaching a judgement.
- **Analysis:** Begin to weigh up evidence in an argument before forming an opinion.
- **Problem solving** You will develop the skills of numerical data analysis, unpicking the story the numbers tell you and supporting the qualitative data you gained from research.
- **Evaluation:** Consider the strengths and weaknesses of theories, concepts, studies and research.

What careers could Psychology lead you to?

- Clinical psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Counselling psychologist
- Teaching
- Health psychologist
- Occupational psychologist
- Policing
- Nursing
- Market research
- Sport
- Prison warden
- Life coach
- Psychotherapist
- HR officer
- Consultancy
- Councillor
- Detective
- Nutrition
- Law

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Our Key Stage 5 Curriculum

AQA

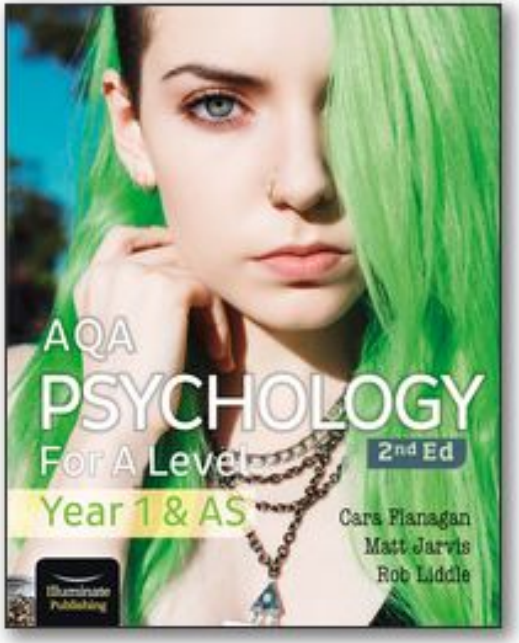
Topics in Paper 1:
Social Influence
Memory
Attachment
Psychopathology

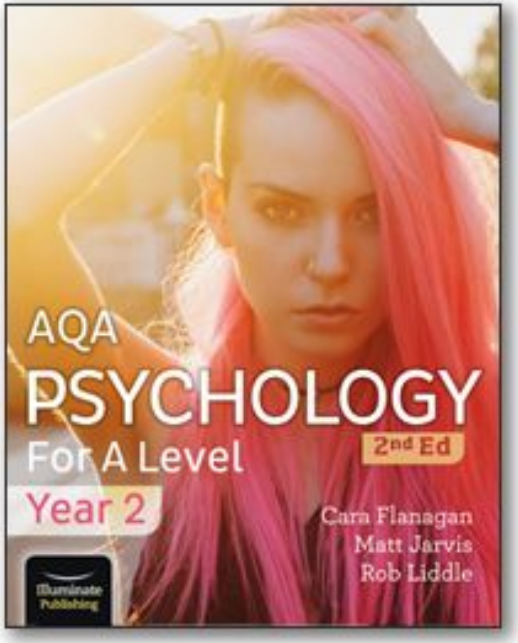
Topics in Paper 2:
Approaches in Psychology
Biopsychology
Research Methods

Topics in Paper 3:
Schizophrenia
Relationships or Gender
Issues and debates
Aggression or Forensics

Each paper lasts 2 Hours!

Recommended Textbooks





Quotes from our students

"I think I will enjoy the science parts on the course and learning about the reasons for specific behaviour, I am mostly looking forward to Psychopathology"

"Interesting content - specifically behaviour related"

"I picked Psychology because you can learn about how people behave and why they do certain things"

"I like Psychology because it is an interesting subject and will help me with my sports degree in the future"

We look forward to meeting you in September!