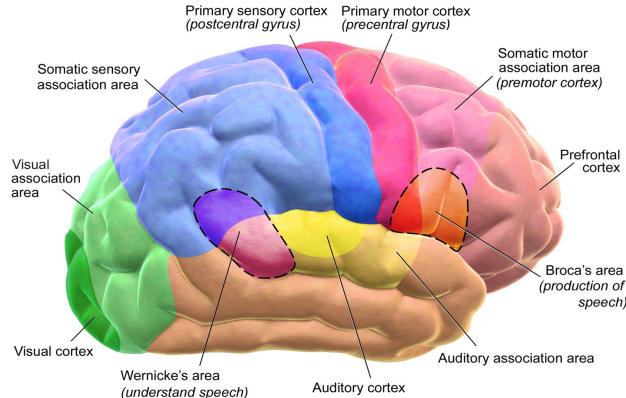




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Welcome to the Psychology Department



NB Psychology is only studied in the
Sixth Form

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Here is a useful link if you would like to know more about Psychology and its origins: <https://www.verywellmind.com/a-brief-history-of-psychology-through-the-years-2795245>



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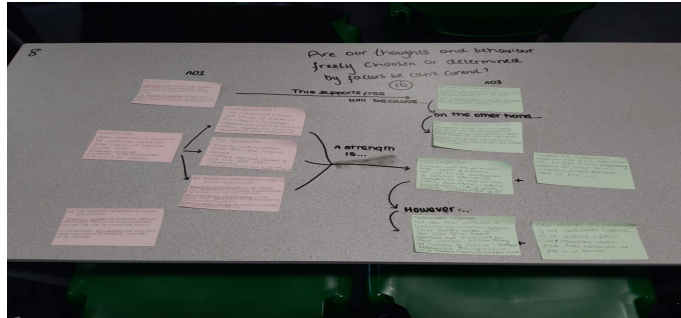
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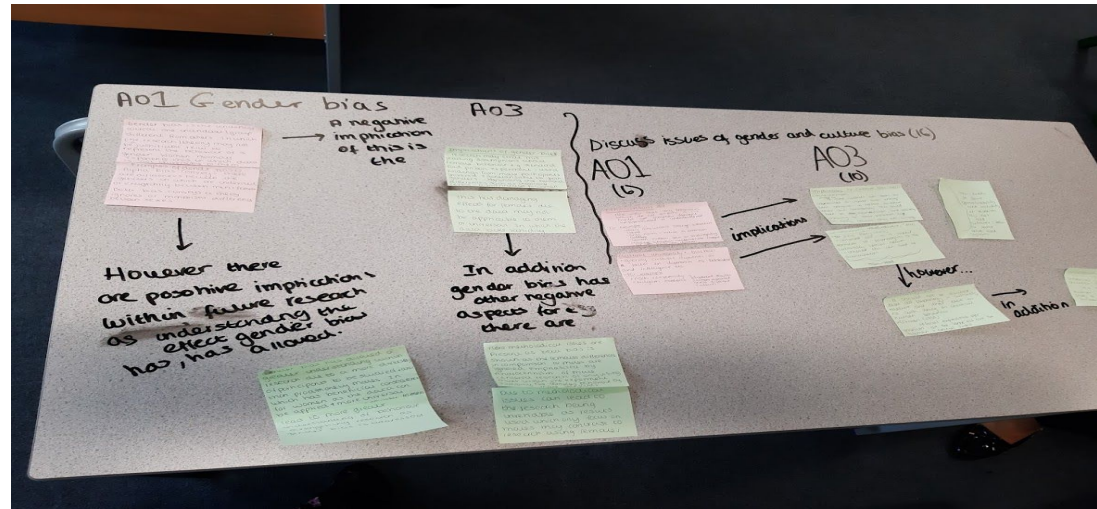
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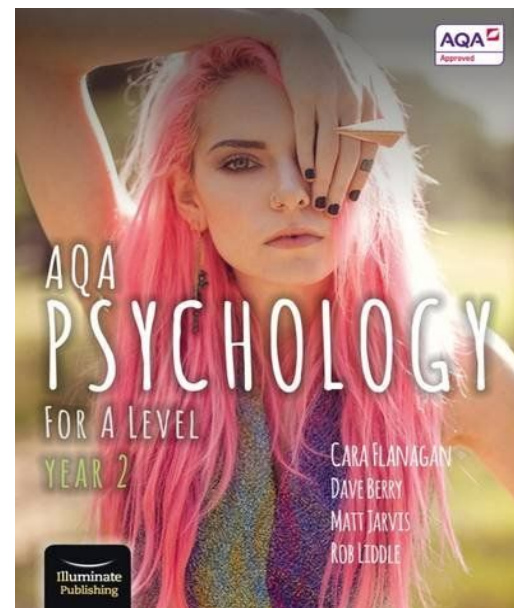
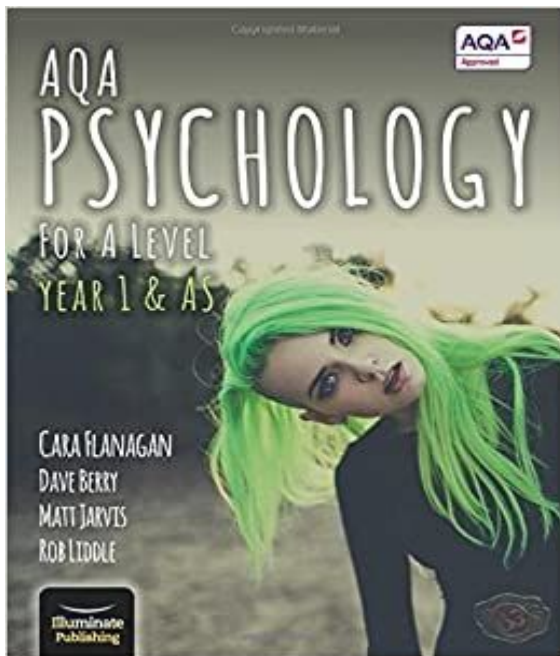
Some students' work on
essay plans





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Quotes from our students

“Psychology is quite mathematical AND essay-based. Yes I would say you would need to be quite good at maths to undertake it. There is a lot to memorise and it is naturally analytical as such”

“You will have to pick apart case studies, experiments and surveys to discover biases, problems and inconsistencies. Psychology will encourage you to hypothesise, be self-critical and to deconstruct even the most convincing studies, so you need to be a good evaluator I would say, and be able to put forward a debate based on sound evidence”

“A fair amount of writing and a number of essays at A2 level. So if articulating yourself and writing long pieces isn't your forte then perhaps talk to a teacher to figure out whether you'll be able to pick it up.”

“You might have been expecting to just explore the brain and how different factors influence human behaviour, and find yourself converting data and calculating percentages for observational studies”



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“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 enjoyed Psychology but some people who came on the course didn't seem to truly understand what Psychology is until they are about halfway through the course which might be too late to change”

“I like Psychology because it is an interesting subject and will help me with my sports degree in the future. I had good GCSE grades in Science English and Maths so was aware of my strengths when choosing my A levels”



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“An important point about Psychology is the work and hours that are necessary outside of the classroom. I would recommend a minimum of 8 hours per week outside the classroom which enables revision and review of different topics and to fully complete an understanding of topics. However , I would also recommend going past the minimum hours and completing if possible from 9-12 hours per week which can enable full understanding and sufficient revision and can even allow a slower pace of learning dependent on the pace you like to revise at. This is a really important element at all different grade levels to help with a successful second year in Psychology.”



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is Psychology? Psychology is the scientific study of the mind and behaviour, according to the British Psychological Society. Psychology is a multifaceted discipline and includes many sub-fields of study such areas as human development, sports, health, clinical, social behavior and cognitive processes. We formulate hypothesis and make predictions based on statistical analysis.

What do I need to be good at to study Psychology? English, Science and Maths.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is studied in 6th form Psychology?

Research methods and topics such as Memory, Attachment, Social Influence, Approaches and Psychopathology are studied in year 12

In year 13 we study Schizophrenia, Aggression, Relationships, Biopsychology and Issues and Debates and more research methods and seven more statistical tests



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Frequently Asked Questions

Where can Psychology take me in a career?

- Counselling psychologist
- Clinical psychologist
- Educational psychologist
- Forensic psychologist
- Further education teacher
- Health psychologist
- High intensity therapist
- Occupational psychologist
- Psychological wellbeing practitioner
- Sport and exercise psychologist





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Where else would Psychology be useful for a future career?

- Advice worker
- Border Force officer
- Careers adviser
- Chaplain
- Counsellor
- Detective
- Education consultant
- Human resources officer
- Life coach
- Mediator
- Neuroscientist
- Play therapist
- Policy officer
- Psychotherapist
- Special educational needs coordinator (SENCO)



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What other skills are useful for studying Psychology at A Level and beyond?

- written and verbal communication, including report writing and presenting
- information technology
- handling of data and statistics
- extended writing and discussion skills
- analytical research
- problem solving
- the ability to work in teams.