

Course teachers

- Year 12: Mr J Greve, Mr C Hume & Mrs A Treherne
- Year 13: TBC next year
- Head of Subject: Mrs A Treherne

Exam board: AQA (<https://www.aqa.org.uk/>)

Assessment Scheme

The course is assessed through three examinations at the end of Year 13:

- Paper 1: Introductory topics in psychology. 2 hours
- Paper 2: Psychology in context. 2 hours.
- Paper 3: Issues and options in psychology. 2 hours.

Course expectations

- Complete a **minimum** of 5 hours independent study per week (see middle pages)
- Attend the timetabled after school study sessions when you have been invited to do so
- Be resilient. Don't give up. Make the effort that is required to be successful
- Ask for help. Find your teachers outside lessons or email them
- Act upon the feedback given to you

Shoeburyness High School

Sixth Form

Start of Course Information

Psychology

Advanced-Level

Psychology is the scientific study of behaviour and the mind.

A-Level Psychology is a challenging but rewarding course that offers a unique educational experience to develop a wide-ranging set of key skills.

During the course students will learn to communicate effectively using appropriate language, to interpret and critically assess scientific data and to research and critically evaluate a range of sources.

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<p><u>Review the week's class notes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read through your notes • Ask/email your teacher if you are unsure of a concept or topic in your notes • Rewrite key points from memory and then check • Learn key psychological terminology • Summarise notes into revision sheets/posters/mind maps <p>Make a habit of doing this on a regular basis.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">A-Level Psychologists:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You must complete a minimum of 5 hours of independent study per week!</p>	<p><u>Read the text book/revision guide</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Social Science to use text books to review chapters on topics covered in recent weeks • Complete questions from the book chapters covering recent topics • Use Microsoft Teams to access additional resources to enhance your knowledge
<p><u>Learn everything!</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn all definitions and key psychological terminology • Learn all spellings • Learn all core studies • Learn all research methods and the strengths and weaknesses of them <p>Repeat this on a regular basis.</p>	<p><u>Complete past paper questions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Download A-Level papers from AQA or Microsoft Teams • Make sure you understand and follow the command verb (state, describe, explain, calculate, evaluate etc.) • Complete questions on recent class topics • Use mark schemes to check for understanding • Access sample answers from Microsoft Teams 	<p><u>Read around the subject</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the library to use alternative A-Level text books • Sign up to Twitter for further relevant information and resources (socscience_shs) • Use appropriate websites: https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology