Year 13 A Level Psychology

We study the Edexcel Psychology specification

In Year 13, you will study content for papers 2 and 3, taught by two teachers:

Paper 2 - Applications of psychology:

Clinical psychology: the study of mental illness – its classification, diagnosis, explanations and treatment. You will study Schizophrenia and Anorexia Nervosa.

Child psychology: the study of the development of an individual from birth to adolescence and beyond. You will study how childhood experiences affect later development.

Paper 3 - Psychological Skills:

This is a synoptic paper in which you will be asked to draw on all areas of your psychological knowledge and apply them to a range of different styles of question. Issues and Debates and research methods will be reviewed and studied in more depth.

Assessment

At the end of each half term you will complete a test on the work covered. These will assess all 3 skill areas (AO1, AO2 and AO3)

At the end of the Autumn term, during the mock exam period, you will sit a mock Paper 2 (applications of psychology).

A Paper 1 mock will be scheduled for the week preceding the Easter holidays and a Paper 3 mock will be taken after the Easter holidays.

Our expectations of you

- ✓ bring all equipment to all lessons
- complete homework on time and to the best of your ability
- ✓ participate fully in lessons
- ✓ take responsibility for revising key concepts and terminology on a weekly basis
- ✓ attend weekly clinic sessions for extra support when necessary
- complete further reading and revision independently
- ✓ take responsibility for monitoring your progress and identifying your strengths and areas for further development

Further reading

For more information, you can look at the Edexcel website, where you can download the specification and sample assessment materials:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/psychology-2015.html

Class textbook: Edexcel Psychology for A Level Year 2: Student Book – Flanagan, Jarvis, Liddle, Russel, Wood Revision Guide: Edexcel Psychology for A Level Year 1 & AS: Revision Guide – Flanagan, Liddle, Russel, Wood

Some other useful websites include the following:

www.psychologywizard.net - helpful for summaries of studies and theories

https://psychologyrocksblog.wordpress.com/ - a range of useful support for exam technique and knowledge and understanding

https://digest.bps.org.uk/ - for summaries of cutting edge psychological research

