



PSYCHOLOGY

Course: AQA Psychology

WELCOME

At Sacred Heart, we study the AQA specification, following contemporary aspects of society.

Our subject is the study of human behaviour, more specifically of the human mind. This course explains the ways in which Psychologists investigate areas in society that offer great depth and exploration.

On the course you will have the opportunity to learn the following topics:

Paper 1: Introduction to Psychology (Four Sections)

- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Psychopathology

Paper 2: Psychology in Context (Three Sections)

- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods

Paper 3: Options in Psychology (Four Sections)

- Issues & debates
- Schizophrenia
- Relationships
- Forensic Psychology

Maths in Psychology plays a vital role in our course, so you will still need your GCSE Maths hat on, in order to complete the course. Research methods are critical in our subject, this has the highest weighting of the A-level and is assessed in various areas throughout the course.

RESEARCH METHODS

Produce a poster illustrating the difference between the following research methods and concepts:

1. *Qualitative vs quantitative data*
2. *Types of experiment, laboratory, field experiments, natural and quasi-experiments.*
3. *Observational techniques. Types of observation: naturalistic vs controlled observation, covert vs overt observation and participant vs non-participant observation.*
4. *Self-report techniques. Questionnaires vs interviews (difference between structured and unstructured interviews).*
5. *The difference between correlations and experiments.*

FAMOUS PSYCHOLOGISTS

Pick from the following famous psychologists. Research your chosen theorist and produce an overview of who they were, what they thought and why they are important for psychology.

These Psychologists form our classic studies in the subject; to succeed on the course you will need to know who they are, what they did and how they contribute to our subject.

- B.F. Skinner
- Abraham Maslow
- Albert Bandura
- Elizabeth Loftus

WHAT TO WATCH

The Soloist

Film synopsis: A man who struggles with Schizophrenia

Topics from AQA: Psychopathology & Schizophrenia

Shutter Island

Film Synopsis: A woman has disappeared from a mental health institution and detectives are sent to investigate

Topics from AQA: Psychopathology

WHAT TO READ / LISTEN TO

Read about Stanley Milgram's study.

<https://www.simplypsychology.org/milgram.html>

Listen to Gina's Perry's podcast on Milgram's study to develop your critical understanding of the study.

<https://www.gina-perry.com/2021/12/04/a-criminal-take-on-milgram/>

Find out about the nature/nurture debate:

<https://www.verywellmind.com/what-is-nature-versus-nurture-2795392>

Choose a **TED talk** about an area of Psychology and write a review of it

<https://www.ted.com/topics/psychology>

EXTEND YOUR LEARNING

Please access this free short course & complete the task outlined:

[Introduction to AQA A-Level Psychology Getting Started | tutor2u](#)

Create a PowerPoint with an overall summary of each of the areas presented on the link. Each slide should contain a title and include no more than 5 bullet points.

The bullet points should outline a summary of the information presented on each of the slides.

Consider what the overall message is that is being presented.

If you do not have access to PowerPoint please complete this as a written task and use an A4 sheet of paper, in landscape, to represent each of the slides stated above.