

Department: Social Science. Course: GCSE Psychology

Examination Board: AQA

Specification: 8182

Description of the course

The course aims to encourage students to:

Use specialist vocabulary, psychological concepts, terminology and follow the expectations that psychologists have relating research.

Acquire knowledge and understanding of psychology, developing an understanding of self and others, and how psychological understanding can help to explain everyday social occurrences. Topics include: •Research methods •Memory • Perception • Development • Social influence • Language, thought and communication • Brain and neuropsychology • Psychological problems. Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.

Understand how psychological research is conducted, including the role of scientific method and data analysis.

Present information, develop arguments and draw conclusions through a critical approach to psychological evidence, developing as reflective thinkers.

Develop an understanding of the relationship between psychology and personal, moral, social and cultural issues, and develop an understanding of ethical issues in psychology.

Develop an understanding of psychological issues, the contribution of psychology to individual, social and cultural diversity, and how psychology contributes to society.

How will you learn?

A variety of learning and teaching strategies will be used every lesson, such as: discussions, group work, presentations, role play and lots and lots of exam practice!

Method of Assessment

Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour. Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (100 marks) - 50% of GCSE. Questions: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.

Paper 2: Social context and behaviour. Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes (100 marks) - 50% of GCSE. Questions: multiple choice, short answer and extended writing.

Pathways after Year 11

Progression routes

A-Level Psychology

A-Level Sociology

Career Routes

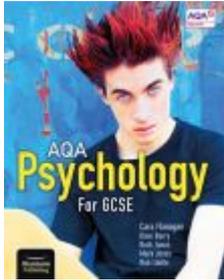
Clinical/ Counselling/Educational/Child psychologist

Mental Health worker

Human Resources officer

Useful Resources for GCSE Psychology

AQA GCSE Psychology: Student Book

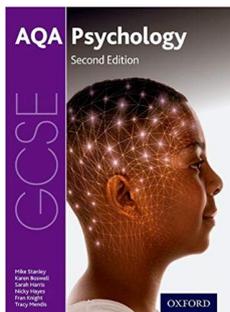


Authors: Cara Flanagan, Dave Berry, Ruth Jones, Mark Jones, Rob Liddle

Publisher: Illuminate Publishing

ISBN-13: 978-1-911208-04-4

Price: £23.99 **Please note:** students have been given an individual copy of this textbook. Other textbooks, although not endorsed by AQA (and some had not been written at the time the specification was released) appear below...



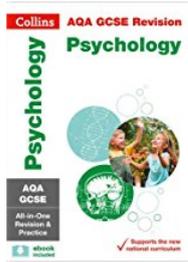
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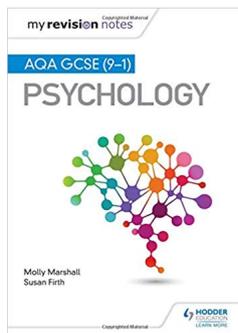
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AQA GCSE 9-1 Psychology All-in-One Revision and Practice (Collins GCSE 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 25 Aug 2017
by Collins GCSE

Jonathan Firth (Author) Marc Smith (Author)

- **Paperback:** 232 pages
- **Publisher:** Collins (25 Aug. 2017)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 0008227446
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My Revision Notes: AQA GCSE (9-1) Psychology Paperback – 31 Aug 2018
by Molly Marshall (Author), Susan Firth (Author)

- **Paperback:** 120 pages
- **Publisher:** Hodder Education (31 Aug. 2018)
- **Language:** English
- **ISBN-10:** 1510425942
- **ISBN-13:** 978-1510425941 Paperback [£9.99](#). (After purchase a reference copy of this will be available to students from the library).

You can access a number of resources on the AQA website: 'AQA'-'Subjects' –'Psychology' – 'GCSE' – 'GCSE (8182)'.

Please note: as this is a new course, 'Satchel' resources will be added regularly (Social Science folder).