



Key Stage 4

AQA Psychology

Specification & Code: 2017 / 8182

Paper 1

	Cognition & Behaviour
A	Memory (Key studies: Murdock's Serial Position Curve; Bartlett's War of the Ghosts)
B	Perception (Key studies: Gilchrist & Nesberg's Need and Perceptual Change Study; Bruner & Minturn's Perceptual Set Study)
C	Development (Key studies: McGarrigle & Donaldson's Naughty Teddy Study; Hughes Policeman Doll Study)
D	Research Methods (which could also be examined in all other topic areas)



Paper 2

	Social Context & Behaviour
A	Social influence (Key studies: Asch's Conformity Study; Piliavins Subway Study)
B	Language, thought and communication (Key studies: Von Frisch' Bees Study; Yuki's Study of Emoticons)
C	Brain neuropsychology (Key studies: Penfield Study of Interpretive Cortex; Tulving's Gold Memory Study)
D	Psychological problems (Key studies: Wiles study of Effectiveness of CBT; Kaij's Alcohol Abuse in Twins Study)

Key Stage 5

AQA Psychology

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Paper 1

	Introductory Topics in Psychology
A	Social influence
B	Memory
C	Attachment
D	Psychopathology

Paper 2

	Psychology in Context
A	Approaches
B	Biopsychology
C	Research Methods

Paper 3

	Issues & Options in Psychology
A	Issues & Debates
B	Gender/Relationships (one of these two topics)
C	Schizophrenia
D	Forensic Psychology

Paper 1 and 2 topics are taught in year 12 with some A2 content of biopsychology and approaches and research methods taught at the end of year 12 and start of year 13.

Research methods and approaches is taught first as these run into every area of psychology that follows.