

**AQA GCSE PSYCHOLOGY**



BRIDGING WORK 2024-25



**Welcome to GCSE Psychology!**

Psychology is a fascinating and challenging subject. Together in this course we will explore the human mind and behaviour. Psychology is recognised as a science therefore we will also study psychological research and conduct some experiments in class. As part of the course, we will study famous case studies such as Patient HM who helped the us understand more about how memory works.

**Assessment**

The course is assessed by **100% examination**. There will be 2 exams which are sat in the summer term.

Throughout the course you will be formatively assessed by your tutor through class work and homework tasks.

You will have **mock examinations** in **November** and **March**.

If you need any exam arrangements, please discuss this with your tutor as soon as possible.

Here are the topics in each exam:

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| Paper 1 | Paper 2 |
| Memory | Social influence |
| Perception | Language thought & communication |
| Development | Brain and neuropsychology |
| Research methods | Psychological problems |

We begin the course looking at research methods and memory.

**Teaching Staff**

My name is Amanda Gaughan, and I will take you for your GCSE psychology course. I have been a teacher for over 14 years and teach A level Psychology here at Chesterfield College. I have a dual subject specialism and you will also find me teaching A level Biology. I am a previous examiner for AQA and lead IQA for BTEC qualifications. I absolutely love the subject of psychology and look forward to sharing my passion for the subject with you.

At college my staff room is W151 if you need to speak to me in person. I am very responsive to teams messages and can be reached by email.

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**Self-study**

Completing a new GCSE in one year will be challenging. To achieve high grades, you should aim to complete 2 hours self-study outside of class time. This should be a mixture of reading heading in the textbook for the next lesson, completing notes from class, completing homework tasks set by your tutor and revision of content covered earlier in the course.



**Getting to know you**

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Any previous exam arrangements: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Any medical / learning support needs? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies / Any other interests outside of school? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Anything else you would like your teacher to know about you? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**TASK 1**

Write 300-500 words about something in psychology which interests you.

Here are some suggestions which are related to the course, but you can write any topic related to psychology.

* False memories
* Psychological problems e.g. eating disorders/schizophrenia/depression/OCD etc
* Why do we forget things?
* The structure of the brain
* How brain scans work
* Childhood development (intellectual development or language development)
* Social influence e.g. why do we obey authority figures?

**TASK 2**

Any psychological research must follow the code of ethics to protect participants and society from harm. The ethics to be adhered to are as follows:

* Informed consent
* Deception
* Right to withdraw
* Confidentiality
* Protection from physical and psychological harm

Create a poster which explains the ethics in psychological research. Suggest how the research should meet the ethical guidelines e.g. ensure the participants full names are removed from any published work.

**Extension:** you could research the top 10 unethical studies in psychology and explain how the researcher broke the ethical guidelines!!!