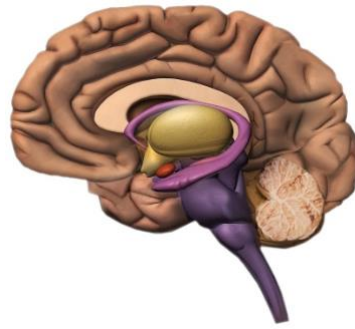


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Year 1 Preparation

Topics covered in Y12

SOCIAL INFLUENCE	ATTACHMENT
APPROACHES	PSYCHOPATHOLOGY
RESEARCH METHODS	MEMORY

Organisation is key!

Equipment

You will need to bring the following to every lesson so make sure that you have got them ahead of time:

- Lever arch file
- Dividers
- A4 lined paper
- Calculator
- Ruler
- Pens
- Pencils



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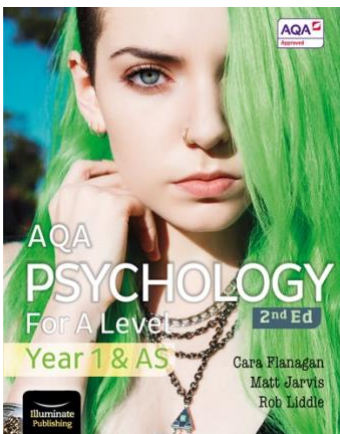
In order to prepare yourself for your course, please download the latest version of the A-Level specification. Your exam board for the course is AQA and later on their website will be a useful source for downloading past papers for exam practice. The specification lists all the topics covered in the course. You will notice that some of these are optional topics. The optional topics you will be studying are: Relationships; Schizophrenia and Forensic Psychology. You can access the specification here: <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/psychology/specifications/AQA-7181-7182-SP-2015.PDF>

You may wish to familiarise yourself with the work of the British Psychological Society (BPS) as we will frequently refer to their ethical guidelines throughout the course. On the website (start with the 'for the public' section), you will find lots of information about the work of psychologists in the UK, the sorts of topics and issues that they investigate, the different branches of psychology, the many and varied career options available in this fascinating area of study, and much more... <https://www.bps.org.uk/>

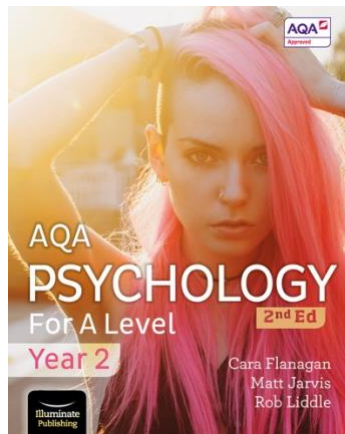
For those of you who would like to dig a little deeper, and might perhaps be considering working abroad at some point, the website of the American Psychological Association (APA) also provides an interesting introduction to the subject. <http://www.apa.org/>

In addition to the websites above, the BBC Radio 4 podcast series 'Mind Changers' is a highly entertaining look at the work of psychologists, both modern and classic. You are not expected to listen to all thirty-three of the podcasts this summer(!), but each episode of this wonderful series will give you a great deal of insight into the captivating (and often very strange!) world of psychology, and is thoroughly recommended. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008cy1j/episodes/player>

Keep in Touch – Continue to work through the resources on the Psychology KIT page on TEAMS to further develop your knowledge.



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COURSE TEXTBOOKS:

These are the books you will need for A-level Psychology. You will use the two main textbooks (on the left) for your background reading and independent study. There are revision guides and flashcards available in the same series that you may find useful later on, but these are not essential for you to purchase.

Although you will need the 'Green-haired girl' textbook at the start of your course, you will not need the 'Pink-haired girl' book for the first three or four months, and so might wish to defer buying these until later.