

Little Heath School Sixth Form

Year 12 Induction Evening for Parents 2016

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| Psychology |

Welcome to the Psychology department

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8 lessons a fortnight equally split between the two teachers.

AS course

Paper 1 – Social influence, Memory, Attachments and Research Methods

Paper 2 – Approaches, Biopsychology, Psychopathology and Research Methods

A Level course

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Paper 2 – Approaches, Biopsychology and Research Methods

Paper 3 – Issues and debates, Eating Behaviour, Forensic and Relationships

Key to success at A Level

In psychology, candidates need knowledge and understanding of six introductory topics and research methods. Subject specific skills involve describing psychological concepts, theories and studies, and the evaluation of them. Candidates are asked to show their understanding of these concepts, theories and studies but also to apply them to new scenarios given.

Psychology involves the ability to write essays, use mathematical concepts and analyse studies in terms of their strengths and weaknesses.

What parents can do to help

Students will have to sit a PPE in January, two AS exams in the summer of year one and three A-Level exams in the summer of year two. Your support with revision in the lead up to these exams would be appreciated as psychology has a lot of content. Encourage your child to do practise papers which can be collected from the psychology department.

Important deadlines

There is no coursework but homework deadlines are imperative to meet, especially their assessment deadlines. Flipped learning will often be used and homework will sometimes be writing an essay to consolidate lesson knowledge.