

PSYCHOLOGY

A LEVEL EDUCAS**BLOCK E**

ACADEMIC YEAR:	2021
COURSE VENUES:	King Edward VI High School
COURSE TYPE:	A level
COURSE CODE:	12EKePY1
DURATION:	2 years

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The course is structured into 3 Units. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by Higher Education (HE) and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. In all units students will need to be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding and the ability to apply and analyse information. This will be developed through study of the specification and through ethical and practical research activities.

COURSE CONTENT

Paper 1: Psychology Past to Present

This introduces Psychology via five historical approaches, and includes therapies and studies arising from these approaches.

- Biological
- Behavioural
- Cognitive
- Psychodynamic
- Positive (humanistic)

Paper 2: Investigating Psychology

The methods of Psychology are explored via structured assignments and exam questions. There are also two set, historically famous, studies that will have questions set on them.

Paper 3: Implications in the Real World

Issues and controversies, and three chosen topics, are examined by extended writing.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The standard entry criteria to study in the sixth form is a 9-4 in at least seven different subjects, including English and mathematics, which would usually be at grade 4 or above.

You are also required to achieve a Grade 6 or above in GCSE biology.

ASSESSMENT

3 papers, each 2 hrs 15 mins long. Each paper is worth 1/3 of the overall mark.

FINANCIAL INFO

Students will be required to bring the following equipment to lessons:

- Textbook (cost approximately £25)
- Calculator
- Drawing materials (pencils, ruler etc.)

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Students will develop transferable skills that support study not only in Psychology but in a wide range of subjects at university or employment. This is a part-taught, part research-based qualification where students will be expected to take part in research from the start. By Year 13 students will be expected to be capable of self-directed study and research.

FURTHER INFO

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