

Subject: Psychology						
KEY TEXTBOOK A textbook recommended by your subject teacher.	<u>Edexcel AS/A Level Psychology (new for 2015) by Pearson</u>					
ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOKS / SUBSCRIPTIONS A list of alternative textbooks. A textbook is much like a person: it is not perfect - it has strengths and weaknesses. So having a range of books to consult makes sense. Where a topic is not well covered in one book, another text might deal with it much more clearly.	Textbooks Psychology by Christine Brain Edexcel Psychology by Christine Brain Angles on Psychology by Jarvis, Russell and Collis		Subscriptions Psychology review. The department has a copy and is available for students to read.			
SPECIFICATION AND BOARD A syllabus or specification. It details all the areas that you need to be taught for the examination. You need to have a copy so you know how to organise your file.	Edexcel Psychology (2015 Specification). Specification code: 9PS0					
RECOMMENDED WEBSITES Your teachers might be able to advise you about websites that have useful information.	Simplepsyc hology.org	s-cool.co.uk	www.a2psychol ogy101.wordpre ss.com/	Bps.org.uk		
REVISION GUIDE(S) Not all subjects have these but they can often reduce topic into smaller chunks so you can focus on the key issues.	Revision guides not available for the new specification. However, many older guides still exist. Parts of these will be relevant for content but not for exam questions. Edexcel Psychology AS and A2 revision guides by Christine Brain.					
PAST EXAMINATION PAPERS At the beginning of the course you should have an idea of the type of question you might be asked in the final examination. Website address and unit code listed for you.	This is a new specification so there will only be a small number of example papers available at: http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/psychology-2015.coursematerials.html (Sample assessment materials A Level, not AS)					
MARK SCHEMES Mark schemes are produced for each examination. Sometimes they can be very helpful in detailing what is required to gain a top grade.	Mark schemes for the sample assessment materials can be found at the same website above.					
ANY OTHER SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION. (e..g. specific Independent study requirements or journals or CD ROM)	Psychology review is useful in thinking about wider debates in Psychology, help with answering some of the exam questions. It also provides free online resources and will help with applying Psychological studies.					
FEEDBACK FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY	For A-level Psychology you can expect your independent study to be checked once every half-term. Each time we check your independent study we will fill in a feedback sheet that will outline what is working well and suggest areas for improvement to develop your independent study further. Our suggestions may be topic specific such as reading a particular article on , or may be more general, for example, include more diagrams and worked examples in your independent study. Each time we give feedback on your independent study we will also discuss our feedback with you.					

