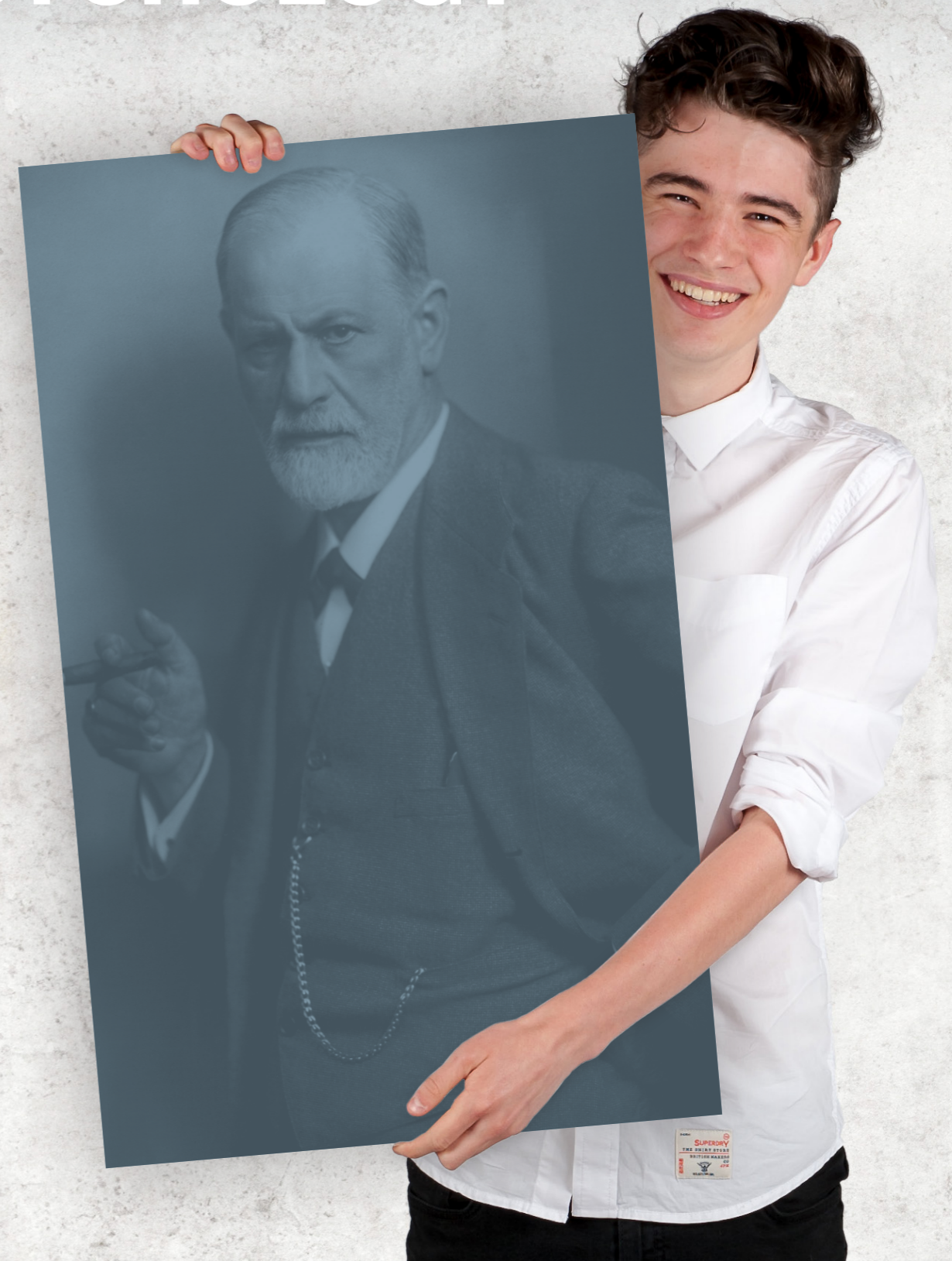


A-LEVEL



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Content overview	Assessment overview	
Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology		
Memory – models of memory, types of long term memory, forgetting and eye witness testimony. Attachment – types of attachment, animal studies of attachment and the influence of early attachment. Social Influence – conformity, obedience and the role of social influence. Psychopathology – abnormality, phobias, depression, OCD.	Written Exam: 2 hours 96 marks	33.3% of total A-Level
Paper 2: Psychology in Context		
Approaches in psychology – theoretical understanding of psychology. Biopsychology Research methods - Scientific processes, Data handling and analysis, Inferential testing. Issues and debates in psychology to include gender and culture in psychology.	Written Exam: 2 hours 96 marks	33.3% of total A-Level
Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology		
Gender – How do we understand it? Eating Behavior – biological and psychological explanations of anorexia and obesity and the failure of dieting. Forensic Psychology – Offender profiling, explanations of criminology.	Written Exam: 2 hours 96 marks	33.3% of total A-Level

EXAM BOARD: AQA

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

- You do not need to have previously studied psychology, although an interest in understanding human behaviour would be advantageous.
- During the course you will need to be able to communicate effectively and research information from a variety of sources.

WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Whether you're studying for the AS or the A-level, your first year will cover the same topic areas:

- **Introductory topics in psychology:** learn about conformity, social norms, how the mind remembers and forgets and how children form attachments
- **Psychology in context:** learn more about the different approaches in psychology and how to design and conduct your own research.

In the second year of the A-level you'll deepen your understanding of human behaviour.

You'll study additional topics under Approaches in psychology, Biopsychology, Research methods and Issues and debates in psychology.

You then choose three further topics; Gender, Eating Behaviour, Forensic Psychology. Issues and options in psychology: you'll learn more about psychological concepts, research methods and ethical issues. Issues and debates in psychology: learn about the fascinating tendencies of human behaviour, with options looking into gender differences and the criminal mind.

WHAT KIND OF STUDENT IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR?

This course will appeal to student who:

- Enjoy exploring issues dealing with how and why people behave in certain ways
- Want to find out more about the link between people's behaviour and their environment
- Enjoy planning and carrying out investigations to look for any patterns and explanations in the behaviour of children and adults

In addition the following study skills will be expected:

- Well-developed listening skills
- An ability to work independently and in small groups
- Well organised and be able to work to deadlines
- Psychology will compliment a whole variety of other AS/A Level courses in particular there will be references to Biology, PR, Sociology, English, Mathematics and Health and Social care.

WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AT THE END OF MY COURSE?

- Follow a degree course in Psychology, Social Science, Nursing or Advertising, to name but a few of the courses with direct links.
- Enter a Higher National course in related programmes.
- Seek employment in the area of Human Resources, Counselling and Psychology.