

## HOLMER GREEN SENIOR SCHOOL – CURRICULUM INFORMATION

### Subject: Psychology

<b>Year Group:</b>	<b>Y12/13</b>
<b>Exam Board:</b> <i>(For years 10, 11, 12 and 13 only)</i>	<b>AQA A</b>
<b>Assessment requirements:</b>	<p><b>Linear exams are taken at the end of A2.</b>  <b>Paper 1:</b> Introductory topics in psychology.  <b>Paper 2:</b> Psychology in context.  <b>Paper 3:</b> Issues and debates in psychology.</p> <p>Each written paper lasts 2 hours and makes up 33.3% of the total A2 marks. Each section includes multiple choice, short answer and extended writing. Each exam has 96 marks in total.</p>
<b>Scheme of work overview:</b>	<p><b>Unit 1:</b> Introductory topics in psychology, including social influence, memory, attachment, and psychopathology.  <b>Unit 2:</b> Psychology in context, including approaches in psychology, biopsychology, and research methods.  <b>Unit 3:</b> Issues and debates in psychology, including gender, stress, and aggression/ forensic psychology (TBD). The examination format is identical to that of Paper 1 and 2.</p>
<b>Reading materials/resources:</b>	<p><b>Required texts:</b>  Psychology AS, Cardwell &amp; Flanagan Fourth Edition.  Psychology A2, TBD</p> <p><b>Recommended texts:</b>  Research Methods, Companion for A Level Psychology by Cara Flanagan  Psychology Review</p>