

Rationale for Year 13 A level Psychology Teacher Assessments 2021

This year students will receive grades awarded and determined by teachers, with students only assessed on what they have been taught and based on the standard at which they are performing.

Teachers have been asked to draw on a range of evidence when determining grades, including the optional use of questions provided by exam boards, as well as mock exams, coursework, or other work completed as part of a student's course, such as essays or in-class tests.

The Process for awarding a Teacher Assessment Grade (TAG) for Psychology A level at JM6 :

- At JM6, Psychology A level is taught by Mrs Law
- Mrs Law has taught A level Psychology for over 15 years and has also been an AQA examiner for Psychology
- A level Psychology has 3 external exams – each are 2 hours long and are equally weighted.
- Throughout the course, the Psychology department keeps records of all assessed pieces of work including timed essays and end of module tests.

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- The range of evidence used ensures that all Assessment Objectives are covered. The evidence used and weighting will be as follows:

Component	Expected Evidence	Type of Assessment	Approximate weighting of component	Overall weighting to final TAG
Component 1 Paper 1	Past paper on social influence 30 mins 24 th March	Timed Test	33%	33%
	Past paper on memory 30 mins 31 st March	Timed Test	33%	
	Past paper on attachments 30 mins 21 st March	Timed Test	33%	
Component 2 Paper 2	Past paper on research methods – 1 hour 28 th March	Timed Test	67%	33%
	Past paper on approaches 30 mins 5 th May	Timed Test	33 %	
Component 3 Paper 3	Past paper on relationships 30 mins 12 th May	Timed Test	40%	33%
	Past paper on forensic psychology 30 mins 19 th May	Timed Test	40%	
	End of module test results for eating behaviour	In class test completed in autumn term	10%	
	Issues and debates lockdown homework	Open book assessment	10%	

- Internal quality assurance processes will take place to ensure that judgements are standardised.
- Any access arrangements and individual needs will be considered.
- Exam board past papers and support materials and guidance will be used as part of the process of making grade judgements.