

# **KS5 Psychology Super Curricular Guide**





As our A level Psychology specification is so broad, there is a wide range of topics you can explore.

Try and avoid pop-psychology (non-research based psychology).

#### Research

BPS Research Digest https://www.bps.org.uk/collections/research-digest



## Reading

- Syvia Nasar: A Beautiful Mind
- Russ Rumer: Genie: A Scientific Tragedy
- Lauren Slater: Opening Skinner's Box: Great Psychological Experiments of the 20th Century
- Ken Kesey: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
- Richard Wisemen: Quirkology
- Oliver Sacks: The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat
- Jennifer Thompson-Cannino: Picking Cotton
- John Colapinto : As Nature Made Him
- Philip Zimbardo: The Lucifer Effect: How good people turn evil
- Oliver Sacks: Hallucinations
- Susan Greenfield: The Private Life Of The Brain
- Jed Rubenfeld: *The Interpretation of Murder*
- Richard Appignanesi and Oscar Zarate: Freud for Beginners
- Lionel Shriver: We need to talk about Kevin
- Daniel Kahneman: Thinking Fast and Slow
- Elliot Aronson: The Social Animal Eleventh Edition
- Mark Haddon: The Curious Incident off the dog in the night time
- Richard Dawkins: The Selfish Gene
- Mark Nesti: Psychology in Football
- Jon Richardson: It's Not Me, It's You
- Paul Britton: The Jigsaw Man
- Gitta Sereny: The case of Mary Bell
- Dennis Lehane: Shutter Island
- Richard Appignanesi and Oscar Zarate: Freud for Beginners
- H.J. Eysenck and Michael W. Eysenck: Mindwatching: Why We Behave the Way, We Do

• Ramachandran Blakeslee: Phantoms in the brain

## **Watching: TED Talks**

- https://www.ted.com/talks/petter\_johansson\_do\_you\_really\_know\_why\_you\_do\_ what\_you\_do
- https://www.ted.com/talks/laurel\_braitman\_depressed\_dogs\_cats\_with\_ocd\_what \_animal\_madness\_means\_for\_us\_humans
- <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth loftus the fiction of memory">https://www.ted.com/talks/elizabeth loftus the fiction of memory</a>
- <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/scott">https://www.ted.com/talks/scott</a> fraser the problem with eyewitness testimony
- https://www.ted.com/talks/steven\_pinker\_chalks\_it\_up\_to\_the\_blank\_slate
- <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/philip\_zimbardo">https://www.ted.com/talks/philip\_zimbardo</a> on the psychology of evil
- <a href="https://www.ted.com/talks/ben\_ambridge">https://www.ted.com/talks/ben\_ambridge</a> 10 myths about psychology debunked

# **Watching: TV and Movies**

#### General Psychology

100 Humans (Netflix)
The Creative Brain (Netflix)
Derren Brown

#### Approaches

Three Identical Strangers
The Dark Matter of Love
A Dangerous Method
Girl, Interrupted
Experimenter

#### Attachment

From Romania With Love Babies (Netflix) Blackfish Good Will Hunting Mockingbird Don't Sing The Troubled Child About Time

#### <u>Biopsychology</u>

Body Clock: What Makes Us Tick?
The Brain – A Secret History (Parts 1, 2 and 3)
Living With Half A Brain
Shutter Island
Concussion
Faces in the Crown

#### Forensic Psychology

Inside the Criminal Mind (Netflix)

Making a Murderer (Netflix)

Mindhunter (Netflix)

I Am A Killer (Netflix)

One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest

Silence of the Lambs

The Shawshank Redemption

We Need To Talk About Kevin (also a novel)

#### **Issues and Debates**

Experimenter

**Side Effects** 

**Project Nium** 

The Adjustment Bureua

**About Time** 

#### Memory

OU on the BBC: Eyewitness

The Mind, Explained (Netflix)

12 Angry Men

50 First Dates

Memento

The Man with the 7 Second Memory

The Notebook

Inside Out

#### **Psychopathology**

Stacey Dooley: On The Psych Ward

Horizon – OCD: A Monster in my Mind

A Dangerous Method

Girl, Interrupted

As Good as it Gets

Awakenings

It's Kind of a Funny Story

Little Miss Sunshine

Rain Main

Side Effects

Shutter Island

The Men Who Stare At Goats

A Beautiful Mind

## $\underline{\mathsf{Relationships}}$

At First Sight (Netflix)

50 First Dates

**About Time** 

Her

(500) Days of Summer

The Notebook

The Bodyguard

#### **Research Methods**

Three Identical Strangers
Experimenter
The Stanford Prison Experiment

#### **Schizophrenia**

Schizophrenia: Stolen Minds, Stolen Lives Shutter Island A Beautiful Mind The Soloist

#### **Social Influence**

The Experimenter
The Wave (Die Welle)
12 Angry Men
Compliance
Lord of the Flies
Malcolm X
The Stanford Prison Experiment
Hotel Rwanda

# **Listening (Podcasts)**

Infinite Monkey Cage

Happier with Gretchen Rubin

Speaking of Psychology

Waking Up

Hidden Brain

All in the Mind

# **Doing (online courses)**

Stevenson: Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde
Learning Theories
Attachment
The Brain
The nervous system and the endocrine system
Forensic Psychology: Witness Investigation
Forensic Psychology - Canter

**Criminal Psychology** 

Memory

Witness Memory and the Cognitive Interview

**Depression** 

<u>OCD</u>

**Anxiety** 

<u>Schizophrenia</u>

Nietzsche: On the genealogy of morality

Conformity