

WJEC Psychology

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1. GCE AS and A Level Psychology

Welcome

Dear all,

I hope you all had a fantastic break over Christmas and that you're feeling refreshed for the year ahead. I'm really looking forward to seeing you at our CPD events this month to have a good catch up with you all. If you haven't already booked it's not too late. You can find details of how to book your place later in this newsletter.

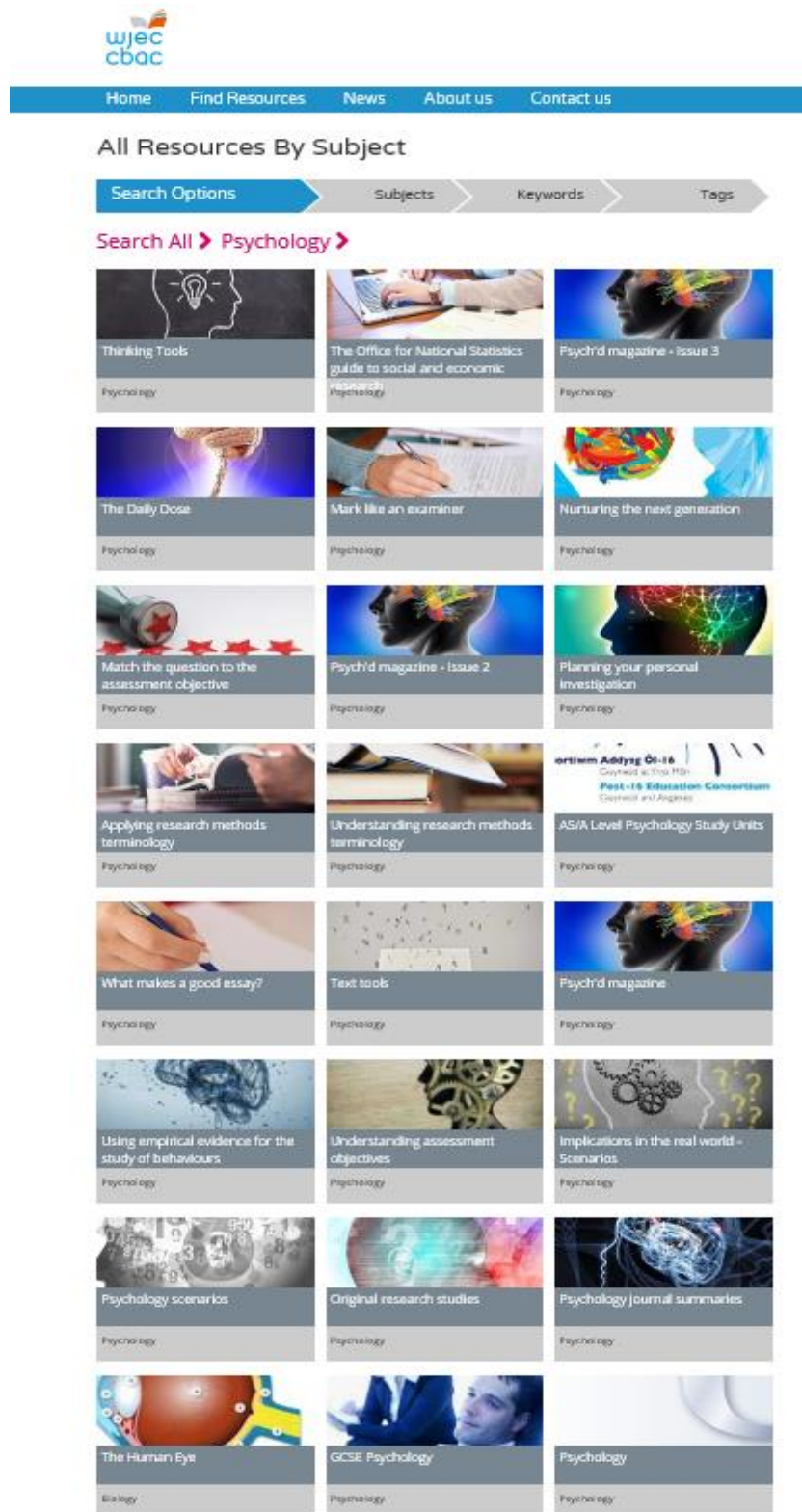
I hope you find this newsletter useful in planning for the year ahead. As always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch!

All the best

Rachel

Resources

We are continually developing a wide range of resources to support you in the delivery of our qualifications:



The screenshot shows the WJEC CBAC website interface. At the top is the logo and a navigation bar with links: Home, Find Resources, News, About us, and Contact us. Below this is the heading "All Resources By Subject". A search bar contains "Search All > Psychology >". Underneath, a grid of 27 resource cards is displayed, each with a representative image, a title, and a subject label. The subjects include Psychology and Biology.

Resource Title	Subject
Thinking Tools	Psychology
The Office for National Statistics guide to social and economic	Psychology
Psych'd magazine - issue 3	Psychology
The Daily Dose	Psychology
Mark like an examiner	Psychology
Nurturing the next generation	Psychology
Match the question to the assessment objective	Psychology
Psych'd magazine - Issue 2	Psychology
Planning your personal investigation	Psychology
Applying research methods terminology	Psychology
Understanding research methods terminology	Psychology
AS/A Level Psychology Study Units	Psychology
What makes a good essay?	Psychology
Text tools	Psychology
Psych'd magazine	Psychology
Using empirical evidence for the study of behaviours	Psychology
Understanding assessment objectives	Psychology
Implications in the real world - Scenarios	Psychology
Psychology scenarios	Psychology
Original research studies	Psychology
Psychology journal summaries	Psychology
The Human Eye	Biology
GCSE Psychology	Psychology
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The latest resources continue to focus on skills and we've decided to extend this idea by producing our first textbook which completely focuses on developing skills in psychology. The book has been specially written for our WJEC specification and the content applies to all units; psychology past to present (unit 1), research methods and personal investigations (Unit 2 and 4), and implications of psychology in the real world (Unit 3). The book is thematic, where it addresses psychological exam skills rather than content. This style has been chosen as the key to success in the 'new specification' A level Psychology (from 2015) is on HOW students use the information. These skills can be applied in any exam, but there are specific examples of questions styles and techniques within the main body of the book, and in the question and answers section at the end. We are also writing a student workbook that can be used alongside the book to practice the skills students have learned. A pre-order form and the first two sample chapters will be available on our website in the New Year.

[Download Digital Resources](#)

[Download All course materials](#)

Why not bookmark our [qualifications page](#) to keep up to date with new resources?

You can also take a look at our [Online Exam Review](#) on the WJEC website. Our OER is an innovative, interactive tool designed to help teachers improve standards in the classroom and I know a lot of you were excited to use it in your classrooms after seeing it demonstrated at CPD.

[Question Bank](#) is a free tool which allows you to create practice question papers and mark schemes from both our WJEC and Eduqas past psychology questions. Find the questions you need, add them to your paper and export your paper with accompanying mark scheme and examiner's comments as a PDF ready to use in the classroom.

Psych'd

Thank you to all the teachers that contributed to our third edition of Psych'd, our online magazine. This edition features a variety of articles from 'positive visualisation as a means of reducing exam nerves' to 'how A Level Psychology led to a career in research'.

Win a place at the ATP conference

This year we are proud to be sponsoring a free teacher place at the ATP conference which is being held on Friday 5th July - Saturday 6th July 2019 at the University of Leicester which would normally cost £250.

This two-day conference includes two full days of conference, B&B, all meals, wine reception, gala dinner and entertainment, a choice of 49 breakout events, including workshops run by awarding bodies, three internationally renowned keynote speakers and an exhibition featuring key publishers, awarding bodies and more. Plus, the chance to network, get invaluable resources and ideas to support your teaching as well as a chance to unwind and get inspired for the new academic year. It is also in the home of the British Psychological Society!

To win a place all you need to do is to write an article for our next edition of Psych'd magazine. Articles should be 1000 words maximum about any aspect of psychology (e.g. teaching ideas or a particular area of psychology that you love). Deadline for submission is the end of April. Please email your articles to Psychology@wjec.co.uk with 'ATP Competition entry' as your subject.

CPD

Thank you for all the positive feedback we received from our recent CPD events. For those of you that were unable to attend you can access all our materials from the training materials section of our website.

Constrained papers

By now you should have received a circular explaining that we have decided to change the Unit 1, 2 and 4 Psychology papers to question and answer style papers known as constrained papers. We have produced a sample constrained paper, based on one of last year's exam papers, which can be accessed via our secure website in the 'GCE JUNE 2018 – Past Papers' folder.

This resource has not been made available on the open website as we are aware that many centres use the latest paper for mock examinations. It is important that candidates are familiar with the change of format of this question paper in preparation for the Summer 2019 assessments. Please share this paper with candidates when it is appropriate for your centre to do so, but ahead of the summer 2019 assessments.

2. Secure Website

The WJEC [Secure Website](#) provides access to a range of resources including circulars, past papers and marking schemes. We also have a wide range of marked sample answers for AS and A Level/A2 Psychology on this site. The site has recently had a makeover so if you are looking for any psychology related materials once you have logged in click on resources, then go to Subject specific resource material. Here you will be able to select Psychology from the subject drop-down menu.

The Secure Website can be accessed by authorised staff at centres that work with WJEC. If your centre is not registered, please ask your exams officer to email securewebsite@wjec.co.uk stating centre number, centre name, contact name and contact email address. Your exams officer can give you access to the secure website.

3. Email Updates

Encourage your colleagues to sign up for Psychology updates and be kept informed of the latest developments and important information. Visit our [website](#) to subscribe.

4. Teacher Network

This forum has been created for teachers delivering WJEC Eduqas AS and A level Psychology qualifications. This network is an online hub for teachers to share ideas, advice, resources and best practice. It also facilitates collaborative working with psychology teachers across the country.

[Join the forum today.](#)

5. Useful Contacts

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with our dedicated team.

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