

# Welcome to the GCSE Psychology Q&A



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# About the course...

- GCSE Psychology is the scientific study of human behaviour.
- Assessed via 2 exams each 1hr30 (100% exam). With a mixture of MCQs, short-answer style and essays
- The topics we learn are: (*OCR specification*)
  - Research Methods
  - Criminality
  - Development
  - Psychological Problems
  - Sleep & Dreaming
  - Memory
  - Social Influence

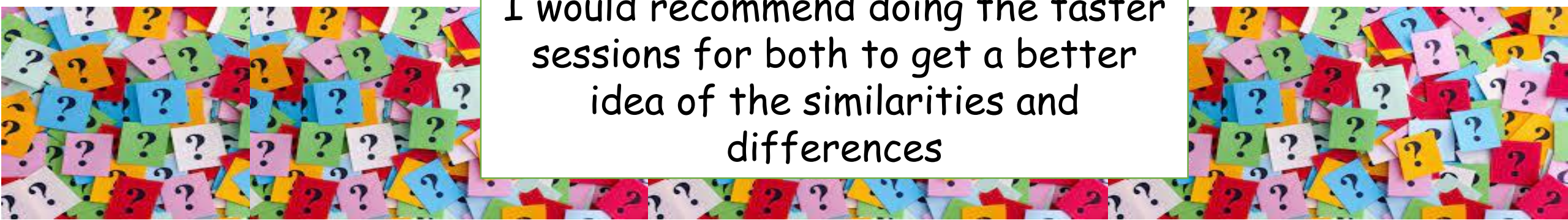
Each of these topics has a neurobiological element and contains a degree of basic maths

- **The content is brand new to students (it is not PSHE at GCSE!) and there is A LOT to learn so this needs to be considered when picking Psychology but it is a fascinating subject that our students love 😊**



# Sociology vs Psychology

- Studies society and how this wider social structure affects a group
- No biology or maths
- Having a wider range of knowledge is very beneficial e.g. watching the news or knowledge of current events
- More essay based (8 essays across the 2 papers)
- Arguably *some* elements are more accessible than psychology
- Studies human behaviour and factors affecting this
- Includes biology and basic maths
- A wider range of knowledge is not necessarily required so may suit a student who likes a more formulaic set of information to learn.
- Though there is essay writing this is more-so at A-level
- Some of the content is arguably 'harder' than sociology



I would recommend doing the taster sessions for both to get a better idea of the similarities and differences

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**Any questions,  
feel free to  
ask!**

