

APT Psychology Conference.

APT is organising the **twenty-first annual psychology conference** on Wednesday **21st March, 2018** starting at **10am** in St. Dominic's Grammar School, Falls Road, Belfast. Follow the signs for the Royal Victoria Hospital at Broadway Roundabout, continue to the top of Broadway and take a right. St. Dominic's is located about 100m on the left. It is advisable that students bring their own snacks and lunch.

Conference format – Study Hall (This room is located at the top of the stone steps located on the right as you face the building. (There will be pupils there to direct you).

10-10.05am	Conference opening with introductions - Chris Gibbons, APT	
10.05-10.55am	Attachment - This talk will look at definitions of attachment, signs of attachment and will outline and review the key theories, explanations and research in this area; along with the influence of early attachment on adult relationships. <i>Syllabus – 3.1.3. AS Psychology AQA Spec A</i>	Speaker Julia Willerton Former AQA Principal Examiner
11-11.55am	Social influence – This talk will define conformity and obedience; it will define the types of conformity and will outline the different explanations for conformity and obedience and it will review the factors that affect levels of conformity and obedience. <i>Syllabus – 3.1.1. AS Psychology AQA Spec A</i>	Speaker Chris Gibbons APT Former AQA Examiner
12-12.55pm	Approaches in psychology and psychopathology – This talk will integrate the approaches in psychology to the three named disorders in the syllabus. The talk will outline definitions of abnormality; the characteristics of phobias, depression and OCD. It will cover the behaviourist explanations for treating phobias; the cognitive explanations and treatments for depression and the biological explanations and treatments for OCD. <i>Syllabus links 3.2.1 Approaches in Psychology and 3.2.2 Psychopathology AS Psychology AQA Spec AS</i>	Speaker Julia Willerton
1.-1.30pm	Teacher Seminar Julia Willerton will take questions on the syllabus and offer key advice to teachers on the AS exams.	

Seminars will take place in the afternoon and students will be directed to one of the two venues – Study Hall or Psychology Classroom, by 1.55pm. The speakers will rotate between the two venues.

Seminar topics: Chris on Research Methods; Julia - on dealing with your AS psychology exams. During the seminars and at the end of Julia's final talk there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Venue:	Study Hall	Psychology Classroom
Speaker		
Julia Willerton	2-2.30pm	2.35-2.55pm
Chris Gibbons	2.35-2.55pm	2-2.30pm

Final Talk (Study Hall)

3-3.45pm	Julia's final talk will look at features of the main models of Memory and the key explanations for forgetting, along with the factors affecting Eye Witness Testimony. Julia will offer some revision tips both in general and specific to the AS psychology exams. <i>Syllabus links 3.1.2 - Memory, AS Psychology, Spec A</i>	Speaker Julia Willerton
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3.45pm Final comments and conference feedback.

All sessions, as well as the seminars, will involve some interactive and student-centred element. Tickets cost £11 per student. For teachers there is no charge and refreshments and a lunch are provided for teachers. Book by emailing Chris Gibbons at aptpsychology@gmail.com