

### Psychology KS4 Assessment Ladder:

| Level     | Core Knowledge   | Core Skills  |
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| <b>9a</b> | <p><b>EXCELLING:</b></p> <p>Can apply a wide range of theories, studies and methods to scenario questions.</p> <p>Uses all subject knowledge appropriately.</p> <p>Has good, specific psychological terminology.</p> <p>Can describe all key studies including aims, procedures, findings and conclusions.</p> <p>Can describe all theories and methods in detail.</p> | <p><b>EXCELLING:</b></p> <p>Can evaluate theories, studies and methods using a variety of psychological principles.</p> <p>Can compare and contrast theories, studies and methods.</p> <p>Can use a variety of theorists and studies to support or reject in a commentary.</p> <p>Can design investigations using a range of methods.</p>                        |
| <b>9b</b> |  |  |
| <b>8a</b> |  |  |
| <b>8b</b> |  |  |
| <b>7a</b> |  |  |
| <b>7b</b> |  |  |
| <b>6a</b> | <p><b>SECURING:</b></p> <p>Outline all key studies identifying procedures and findings.</p> <p>Describe most theories, studies and methods in reasonable detail.</p> <p>Can list and use most subject specific terminology.</p> <p>Can use subject knowledge appropriately.</p>  | <p><b>SECURING:</b></p> <p>Can give two strengths and weaknesses of each theory, study and method.</p> <p>Identify similarities and differences between theories, studies and methods.</p> <p>Apply theories, studies and methods to relevant questions.</p> <p>Design a basic investigation to demonstrate understanding of experiments and questionnaires.</p> |
| <b>6b</b> |  |  |
| <b>5a</b> |  |  |
| <b>5b</b> |  |  |
| <b>4a</b> |  |  |
| <b>4b</b> |  |  |
| <b>3a</b> | <p><b>DEVELOPING:</b></p> <p>Outline some key studies.</p> <p>Can outline some theories, studies and methods.</p> <p>Can list and use some subject specific vocabulary.</p> <p>Understand how to apply key subject knowledge.</p>  | <p><b>DEVELOPING:</b></p> <p>Give one strength and weakness of each theory, study and method.</p> <p>Identify key similarities and differences between theories, studies and methods.</p> <p>Identify appropriate knowledge to be used in each question.</p> <p>Identify methods used in an investigation.</p>   |
| <b>3b</b> |  |  |
| <b>2a</b> |  |  |
| <b>2b</b> |  |  |
| <b>1a</b> |  |  |
| <b>1b</b> |  |  |