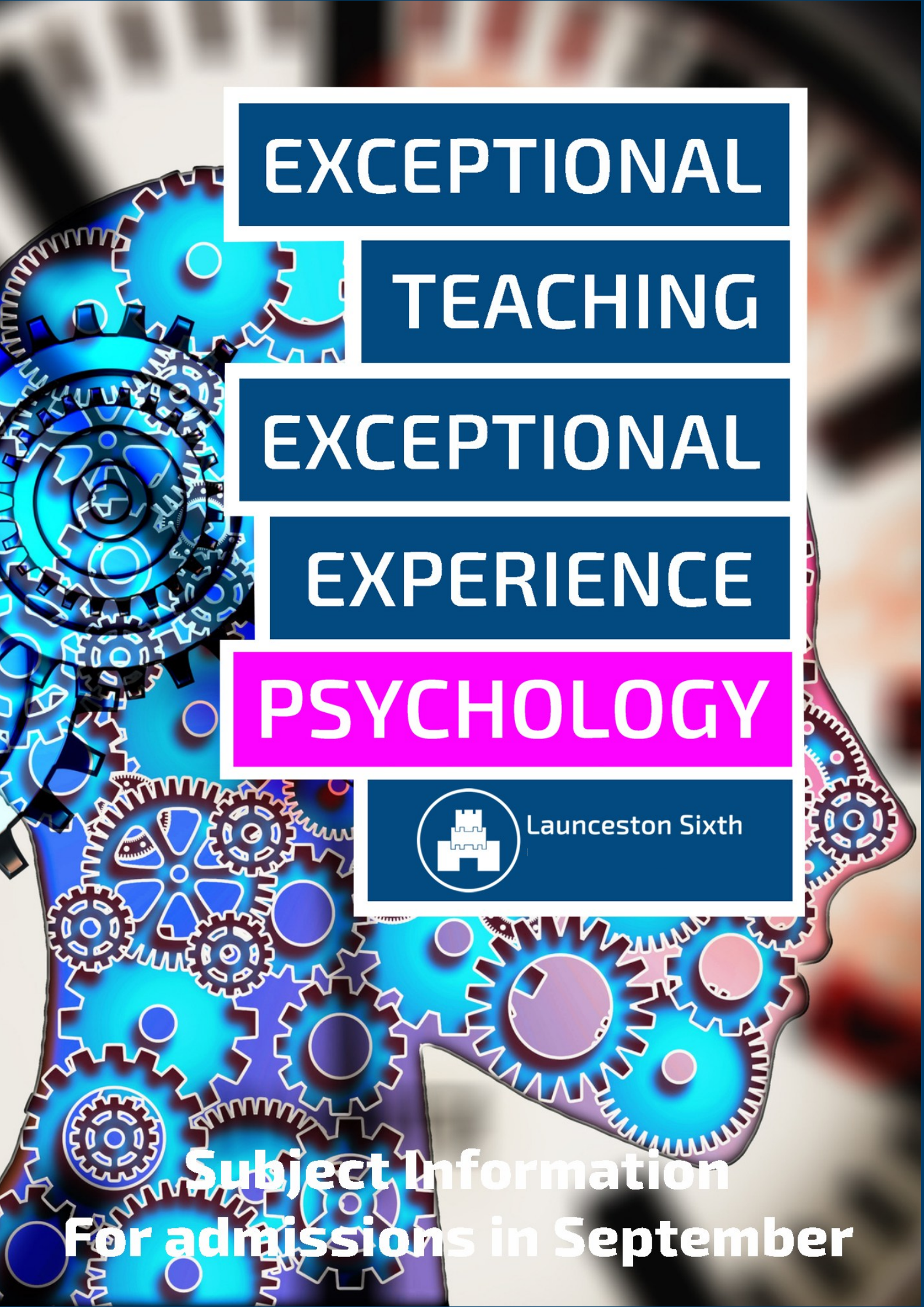

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Subject Information
For admissions in September

Psychology

Exam board: AQA
Specification Link: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/a-level/psychology-7182

Unit 1 Introductory topics in psychology:

Social Influence - Why do people conform and obey or not? - Asch and Milgram

Memory – How does it work? Why do we forget? How accurate are eye witness testimonies?

Attachment - How do the attachments you form as a child influence your adult relationships?

Clinical Psychology and Mental Health – Definitions in the field of mental health, explanations and treatments.

Unit 2 Psychology in Context:

Approaches - Do you prefer the behaviourist, social learning, cognitive, biological, psychodynamic or humanistic approach to explaining why humans behave the way that they do?

Biopsychology - How do the nervous system, endocrine system and the brain affect behaviour?

Research methods - How do psychologists use scientific methods to investigate human behaviour?

Unit 3 Issues & Options in Psychology:
Issues and Debates in psychology - What influences your behaviour more; nature, nurture, gender, culture?
Gender- what factors contribute to gender development?
Schizophrenia - How can schizophrenia be diagnosed accurately and treated effectively?
Aggression – What causes human aggression; our genes or our environment?

Possible Progression Routes: A level psychology is an excellent introduction to psychology for students interested in studying it at University. Psychology is useful for nursing, teaching, science related degrees or careers in the health related professions. It is also useful for students wishing to study sociology, criminology or forensic science degrees.

Equipment Required: A lever arch folder, refill notepad, pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and calculator.
You may also wish to purchase revision text books. Please contact staff for details of publications relevant to the current A level specification.

Entry Requirements: Students need to have achieved a minimum Grade 5 in GCSE English, Maths and Science, a grade 6 would be advantageous to cope with the academic rigour of the course.

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How to Apply:

To apply to Launceston Sixth please complete our online application form: www.launcestoncollege.uk/sixth-form
Our admissions team will then be in contact to arrange a Sixth Form interview to discuss your options, your aspirations, and to provide advice and guidance on your next steps.

If you cannot access the website, or would like to submit a paper based application please email or call.

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