

**Year 12 curriculum overview (scheme of learning):**

<b>Psychology</b>							
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	<b>Week 1</b>	<b>Week 2</b>	<b>Week 3</b>	<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Week 5</b>	<b>Week 6</b>	<b>Week 7</b>
<b>Term 1a</b>	Introduction to key skills and origins of psychology Aims Hypotheses: directional and non-directional.	Behavioural/ Learning approach Variables Experimental designs Types of experiment	Behavioural/ Learning approach Observational techniques Observational design	Cognitive approach  Self-report techniques Questionnaire construction	Biological approach Reliability and validity. Assessing and improving reliability and validity Correlations.	Humanistic Case studies	Psychodynamic Content analysis.
<b>Term 1b</b>	Comparison of approaches Sampling	Biopsychology Divisions of the nervous system Structure and function of neurons, synaptic transmission Pilot studies peer review	Endocrine system, fight or flight response Localization of function in the brain and hemispheric laterization Ethics	Ways of studying the brain and biological rhythms The implications of psychological research for the economy	Gender and culture in psychology Features of science	Free will and determinism Reporting psychological investigations	The nature-nurture debate Descriptive statistics Presentation and display of quantitative data:
<b>Term 2a</b>	Holism and reductionism Distributions:	Idiographic and nomothetic Analysis and interpretation of correlation, including correlation coefficients.	Ethical implications of research studies and theory. Levels of measurement	The multi-store model of memory, Types of long-term memory, The working memory model Content analysis and coding. Thematic analysis.	Explanations for forgetting the sign test.	Factors affecting the accuracy of eyewitness testimony Probability and significance	
<b>Term 2b</b>	Improving the accuracy of eyewitness testimony Factors affecting the choice of statistical test	Types of conformity Explanations for conformity variables affecting conformity	Conformity to social roles	Explanations for obedience	Explanations of resistance to social influence		
<b>Term 3a</b>	Minority influence Social change.	Caregiver-infant interactions in humans	Animal studies of attachment:	Explanations of attachment:	Explanations of attachment: Cultural variations in attachment		
<b>Term 3b</b>	Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation.	The influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships,	Revision of Research methods and assessment	Revision of approaches and assessment	Revision of Issues and debates and assessment	Revision of Biopsychology and assessment	Revision of social influence and attachment

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	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Term 1a	Definitions of abnormality.  Ethical implications of research studies and theory	Characteristics of phobias, depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder.  Free will and determinism.	Behavioural approach to explaining phobias.  The nature-nurture debate	Behavioural approach to treating phobias.  Holism and reductionism.	Cognitive approach to explaining depression  Idiographic and nomothetic.	Cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression (presentations)  Gender and culture in psychology.	Paper 2 Mock  Biological approach to explaining OCD  Correlations and case studies.
Term 1b	Biological approach to explaining and treating OCD.  Probability and significance. Levels of measurement	Classification of schizophrenia.  Introduction to statistical tests. Factors affecting the choice of statistical test.	Biological explanations for schizophrenia.  Content and thematic analysis case studies	Psychological explanations for schizophrenia.  Validity and reliability Distributions	Drug therapy and CBT as a treatment for schizophrenia.  Features of science	Family therapy and token economy as a treatment for schizophrenia.  Designing an experiment	Interactionist approach as a treatment and explanation of schizophrenia. Reporting psychological investigations
Term 2a	Neural and hormonal mechanisms in aggression  Localisation of function in the brain and hemispheric lateralization.	The ethological explanation of aggression Evolutionary explanations of human aggression Ways of studying the brain.	Social psychological explanations of human aggression frustration-aggression, Biological rhythms	Social learning theory and deindividuation. as an explanation of aggression.  Biological rhythms	Institutional aggression situational explanations  Gender Sex and gender. Sex-role stereotypes.	Media influences on aggression  The role of chromosomes and hormones in sex and gender	
Term 2b	Cognitive explanations of gender development	Psychodynamic explanation of gender development	Social learning theory as applied to gender development.	Atypical gender development: gender identity disorder	Revision of gender and end of unit assessment		
Term 3a	Revision for external exams paper 1	Revision for external exams paper 2	Revision for external exams paper 3	Revision for external exams paper 1	Revision for external exams paper 2		
Term 3b	Revision for external exams paper 1	Revision for external exams paper 2	Revision for external exams paper 3	Summer examination session	Summer examination session	Summer examination session	Summer examination session

