

**Curriculum intent statement for Psychology:**

Courses taught:

OCR Psychology GCSE (J204) <https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/309306-specification-accredited-gcse-psychology-j203.pdf>

AQA Psychology A-level (7182) <https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/psychology/specifications/AQA-7181-7182-SP-2015.PDF>

We aim to develop students into psychologists who can:-

- Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in the range of required modules and be able to apply this to a range of contexts.
- Build skills in the analysis and evaluation of psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods.
- Appreciate the range of influences on human behaviour, and how an interactionist approach is needed to provide full explanations.
- Develop synopticity by embedded retrieval practice to highlight links with previously learned topics.

Year 10						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Topics</b>	Introduction to Psychology  1. Criminal psychology - key concepts inc different types of crime, 2x theories of criminality, 2x studies of criminality, practical applications inc rehabilitation	2. Developmental psychology - stages of development, Piaget's Theory of cognitive development, learning theories of development inc Dweck & Willingham, practical applications of Piaget's research to education	3. Psychological problems - defining mental health, prevalence rates, stigma of mental health, biological and psychological theories of schizophrenia, treatments for schizophrenia	3. Cont. Psychological problems - characteristics of depression, prevalence, biological & psychological theories of depression, treatments for depression	4. Research methods - hypotheses, variables, controls, sampling, ethics, interviews & questionnaires, case studies, correlations	4. Research methods - descriptive stats, reliability & validity  Knowing how to answer 13 mark synoptic exam ques  Consolidating / revising topics for Year 10 core assessment
<b>Skills</b>	Using specialist terminology  Knowing the difference between a theory and research  Introduction to effective evaluation of research studies and theories using PET structure	Describing theories and studies  Application to human behaviour  Knowing how to effectively evaluate	Describing theories and studies  Application to human behaviour  Analysing appropriateness and effectiveness of psychological treatments	Describing theories and studies  Application to human behaviour  Analysing appropriateness and effectiveness of psychological treatments	Understand how psychological research is conducted, including the role of scientific method and data analysis  Designing & conducting research investigations, practically & in the form of exam questions	Developing evaluation skills through use of counter-arguments.  Writing psychological essays  Applying psychological debates to theories / studies

	Writing short answer exam questions					Revision skills
Links	Studies and applications in psychology 1 Criminal Psychology	Studies and applications in psychology 1 Developmental Psychology	Studies and applications in psychology 1 Psychological problems	Studies and applications in psychology 1 Psychological problems	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Research methods	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Research methods

Year 11						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topics	5. Social influence - key concepts of conformity, crowd behaviour, obedience, explanations of social influence - situational & dispositional, Bivkman's research, NatCen study into London riots, minority influence & social change	6. Memory - information processing, types of forgetting, multi-store model of memory, theory of Reconstructive Memory, techniques used for memory recall.	7. Sleep & dreaming - functions, features and benefits of sleep, causes of sleep disorders, Freudian Theory of Dreaming, Research Study – Freud (1918): dream analysis study of 'The Wolfman', Activation Synthesis Theory of Dreaming: Features of insomnia	8. Research methods - continuation of content not taught in year 10 - types of data, tables / charts/ graphs, sources of bias	Revision for GCSE exams  Practicing answering / producing exemplar answers to 13 mark synoptic exam questions	N/A
Skills	Effective studying  Describing theories and studies  Application to human behaviour  Knowing how to effectively evaluate  Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject	Describing theories and studies  Application to human behaviour  Knowing how to effectively evaluate  Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject	Describing theories and studies  Application to human behaviour  Knowing how to effectively evaluate  Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject	Applying research methods knowledge to a novel source	Revision skills  Developing evaluation skills through use of counter-arguments.  Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject	n/a
Links	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Social	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Memory	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Sleep	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Research		

	influence		and dreaming	methods		
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Year 12						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Topics</b> (Taught concurrently by 2 teachers)	<p>Introduction to Psychology</p> <p>1. Biopsychology - systems, neurons, fight or flight Psychopathology - explaining &amp; treating phobias;depression;OCD</p> <p>2. Social Influence - conformity, obedience, social change</p>	<p>Psychopathology - explaining &amp; treating phobias;depression;OCD</p> <p>Social Influence - conformity, obedience, social change Memory - types, models, forgetting, eye-witness testimony</p>	<p>Attachment - caregiver-infant bond, stages, explanations, studies.</p> <p>Memory - types, models, forgetting, eye-witness testimony Approaches - Origins of Psychology, key approaches &amp; comparisons</p>	<p>Attachment - caregiver-infant bond, stages, explanations, studies. Research Methods - non-experimental methods.</p> <p>Approaches - Origins of Psychology, key approaches &amp; comparisons Research Methods - Experimental and non-experimental methods.</p>	<p>Research Methods Scientific processes, data handling and analysis</p> <p>Research Methods - Scientific processes - how studies are conducted and design decisions</p>	<p>Relationships attraction, theories, Revision of Year 12 modules - research methods</p> <p>Aggression Revision of Year 12 modules</p>
<b>Skills</b>	<p>Sequencing information</p> <p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>Effective studying</p> <p>Introduction to effective evaluation of research studies and theories</p> <p>Writing short answer exam questions</p>	<p>Analysing appropriateness and effectiveness of psychological treatments</p> <p>Embedding effective evaluation using PET structure</p> <p>Writing psychological essays</p>	<p>Comparing and contrasting theories &amp; approaches</p> <p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>Analysis and evaluation</p>	<p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>Analysis and evaluation</p>	<p>Data analysis</p> <p>How to conduct research</p>	<p>Developing evaluation skills through use of counter-arguments.</p> <p>Designing &amp; conducting research studies</p> <p>Revision skills</p>
<b>Links</b>	<p>4.2.2 Biopsychology - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.1.4 Psychopathology - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.1 Social Influence, Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p>	<p>4.1.4 Psychopathology - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.2 Memory - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.1 Social Influence, Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p>	<p>4.1.3 Attachment - Paper 1Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.2 Memory - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.2.1 Approaches - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.1.3 Attachment - Paper 1Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.2.1 Approaches - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.1 Research Methods Scientific Process - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.2 Research Methods Data Handling and Analysis - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.3.2 Relationships - Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology</p> <p>4.3.8 Aggression - Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology</p>

Year 13						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
<b>Topics</b>	Relationships - evolution, virtual, parasocial Schizophrenia - -diagnosing  Aggression - explanations, institutional, media	Schizophrenia - explaining, treating  Aggression - explanations, institutional, media Issues & Debates	Biopsychology - functions of the brain, studying, biological rhythms  Issues & Debates - gender, culture, determinism, nature nature, reductionism, approaches, ethics	Biopsychology -studying the brain, biological rhythms Research Methods - Statistics  Issues & Debates gender, culture, determinism, nature nature, reductionism, approaches, ethics	Research Methods - Statistics Revision  Revision	n/a
<b>Skills</b>	Application to human behaviour  Analysis and evaluation	Making synoptic links  Application to human behaviour  Analysis and evaluation	Making synoptic links  Application to human behaviour  Analysis and evaluation	Data analysis. Statistical test choice and interpretation  Designing and critiquing studies	Data analysis. Statistical test choice and interpretation  Designing and critiquing studies	n/a
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