

# Year 12 Curriculum Overview: **Psychology**



	Topics/ content outline:	Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)	What will you be assessed on?	How can you help at home?
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Origins of Psychology Approaches in Psychology Research Methods Memory	Wundt and Introspection Behaviourism: classical and Operant conditioning Social learning Theory Cognitive approach: Schema, Inference, Cognitive neuroscience, Soft determinism. Biological approach: Genes, Neurochemistry, Brain structure, Evolution Biopsychology: Nervous system and endocrine system Experimental method Non Experimental methods: Self report, questionnaires, observations Memory - Multistore model, working memory	At the end of each topic cycle (roughly every 2 weeks) you will be assessed on this content through one of these methods: 1. Short answer key knowledge check 2. Short answer exam questions 3. Extended answer exam questions	Students have key knowledge checklists for all of the content they need to know which are uploaded to Showbie. You can help at home by asking them these questions to check their knowledge and understanding.
<b>Spring Term</b>	Memory Social Influence Attachment Psychopathology	Memory: Explanations for forgetting, Eye Witness testimony Attachment: Caregiver-infant interactions, role of the father, Lorenz, Harlow, Learning Theory, Bowlby's Monotropic theory. Attachment: the strange situation, cultural variations Social Influence: Conformity, Obedience, Resistance to social influence, social change Psychopathology: Defining Abnormality, Behavioural approach to explaining and treating phobias	At the end of each topic cycle (roughly every 2 weeks) you will be assessed on this content through one of these methods: 1. Short answer key knowledge check 2. Short answer exam questions 3. Extended answer exam questions	Students have key knowledge checklists for all of the content they need to know which are uploaded to Showbie. You can help at home by asking them these questions to check their knowledge and understanding.
<b>Summer Term</b>	Attachment Psychopathology Mock/AS preparation Independent research investigation	Attachment: Bowlby's Maternal Deprivation Theory, Romanian Orphans, Early attachment and later development Psychopathology: Cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression, Biological approach to explaining and treating OCD Conventions for reporting on psychological investigations	At the end of each topic cycle (roughly every 2 weeks) you will be assessed on this content through one of these methods: 1. Short answer key knowledge check 2. Short answer exam questions 3. Extended answer exam questions	Students have key knowledge checklists for all of the content they need to know which are uploaded to Showbie. You can help at home by asking them these questions to check their knowledge and understanding.

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**Autumn Term**

**Topics/ content outline:**

Research Methods  
Approaches  
Comparison of Approaches  
Biopsychology  
Forensic Psychology

**Powerful Knowledge (key concepts, skills)**

Research methods: statistical tests, case studies and content analysis, validity and reliability, Features of Science.  
Approaches: Humanistic approach, Psychodynamic approach, comparison of approaches  
Biopsychology: localisation of brain function, plasticity and recovery from trauma, hemispheric specialisation, ways of studying the brain.  
Forensic Psychology: profiling, Biological explanations, psychological explanations

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**Spring Term**

Forensic Psychology  
Cognition and Development  
Schizophrenia

Forensic Psychology: custodial sentencing, behaviour modification, restorative justice  
Cognition and development: Piaget, Baillargeon, Vygotsky, levels of perspective taking, theory of mind, the mirror neuron system  
Schizophrenia: Diagnosis and classification, biological explanations, drug treatments, Psychological explanations

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**Summer Term**

Schizophrenia  
Issues and Debates  
A level Preparation

Schizophrenia: CBT and Family Therapy, the interactionist approach  
Issues and debates: gender and culture bias, nature/nurture, free will s. determinism, Holism vs. reductionism, idiographic/nomothetic approaches, ethical implications

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