



Psychology: Curriculum Overview

Year 12

Term	Topic studied	What will I learn?	How will I be assessed?
Year 12 Autumn	Induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth mindset • Deliberate Practice • Character Strengths and Virtues • Assessment in Psychology • Feedback in Psychology 	-
	Cognitive Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models of memory. • Research methodology (e.g. lab experiments). • A practical research exercise based on the topic of memory. • A classic and contemporary study. • An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of memory. 	<p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Cognitive Psychology module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A short written paper on the cognitive psychology practical. ➤ A short-answer question on a cognitive topic. ➤ An extended writing question on a cognitive topic.
Year 12 Spring	Social Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories of prejudice. • Theories of obedience. • Research methodology (e.g. questionnaires). • A practical research exercise based on the topic of prejudice. • A classic and contemporary study. • An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of prejudice and obedience. 	<p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Social Psychology module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A short written paper on the social psychology practical. ➤ A short-answer question on a social topic. ➤ An extended writing question on a social topic.
	Biological Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theories of aggression. • Recreational drugs and the central nervous system. • Research methodology (e.g. correlations). • A practical research exercise based on the topic of aggression. • A classic and contemporary study. • An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of aggression. 	<p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Biological Psychology module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A short written paper on the biological psychology practical. ➤ A short-answer question on a biological topic. ➤ An extended writing question on a biological topic.

Year 12 Summer	Mock exam preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision. • Exam technique. 	Summer mock examination.
	Learning Theories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classical conditioning. • Operant conditioning. • Social Learning Theory. • Research methodology (e.g. observations). • A practical research exercise based on the topic of social learning theory. • A classic and contemporary study. • An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of media influence and learned behaviour. 	<p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Learning Theories module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ A short written paper on the learning theories practical. ➤ A short-answer question on a learning theories topic. ➤ An extended writing question on a learning theories topic.