## Curriculum Overview

Subject: Psychology

Year Group: 10



Teaching in year 10 will focus on content for paper 1; Cognition and Behaviour, and on developing the analytical skills to think like a psychologist. Students will be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas, processes, procedures and theories.
- apply psychological knowledge and understanding of the content in a range of contexts
- analyse and evaluate psychological ideas, information, processes and procedures and make judgements, draw conclusions and produce developments or refinements of psychological procedures based on their reasoning and synthesis of skills
- evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness
- show how psychological knowledge and ideas change over time and how these inform our understanding of behaviour
- demonstrate the contribution of psychology to an understanding of individual, social and cultural diversity
- develop an understanding of the interrelationships between the core areas of psychology
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research methods

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS
Research Methods, including;  Formulation of hypotheses  Variables  Sampling methods  Designing research  Correlation  Research procedures  Planning and conducting research  Ethical Considerations  Quantitative and qualitative data  Primary and secondary data  Memory, including;  Processes of memory	Memory, including;  • Structures of memory  • Memory as an active process  Research Methods, including;  • Computation  • Descriptive statistics  • Interpretation and display of quantitative data  • Normal distributions  Perception, including;  • Sensation and perception  • Visual cues and constancies  • Gibson's direct theory of perception  • Visual illusions	Perception, including:      Gregory's constructivist theory of perception     Factors affecting perception  Development, including;     Early brain development     Piaget's stage theory     The role of Piaget's theory in education     The effects of learning on development
KEY ASSESSMENTS In addition to extended writing answers completed fortnightly;	KEY ASSESSMENTS In addition to extended writing answers completed fortnightly;	KEY ASSESSMENTS In addition to extended writing answers completed fortnightly;
Half Term 1	Half Term 1	Half Term 1

Research methods extended written task –	Memory topic test – taken from a past exam	Research methods extended task.
designing an experiment, 9 mark answer	paper and completed under exam	PPE – full paper 1
	conditions.	
Half Term 2		Half Term 2
Research Methods topic test – taken from a past exam paper and completed under exam conditions.	Half Term 2 Perception topic test – taken from a past exam paper and completed under exam conditions.	Development topic test – taken from a past exam paper and completed under exam conditions.

Extended reading suggestions and external resources:

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Flanagan, AQA Psychology for GCSE – copies available in the classroom and online link.

## Curriculum Overview

Subject: Psychology

Year Group: 11



Teaching in year 11 will focus on the second paper; Social context and behaviour. Students will be able to

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas, processes, procedures and theories.
- apply psychological knowledge and understanding of the content in a range of contexts
- analyse and evaluate psychological ideas, information, processes and procedures and make judgements, draw conclusions and produce developments or refinements of psychological procedures based on their reasoning and synthesis of skills
- · evaluate therapies and treatments including in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness
- show how psychological knowledge and ideas change over time and how these inform our understanding of behaviour
- demonstrate the contribution of psychology to an understanding of individual, social and cultural diversity
- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research methods

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS
Social Influence, including;  Conformity  Obedience  Prosocial Behaviour  Crowd and collective behaviour  Language, thought and communication, including;  The possible relationship between language and thought.  The effect of language and thought on our view of the world.  Differences between human and animal communication  Non-verbal communication.  Explanations of non-verbal behaviour  Brain and neuropsychology, including;  Brain and neuropsychology.  Neuron structure and function	Brain and neuropsychology, including;  Structure and function of the brain  An introduction to neuropsychology  Psychological problems, including;  An introduction to mental health  How the incidence of significant mental health problems changes over time.  Effects of significant mental health problems on individuals and society  Characteristics of clinical depression  Theories of depression  Interventions or therapies for depression  Characteristics of addiction  Theories of addiction  Interventions or therapies for addiction	This term we work to a bespoke revision plan created with the class, drawing from the QLA/PLC.

KEY ASSESSMENTS In addition to extended writing answers completed	KEY ASSESSMENTS In addition to extended writing answers	KEY ASSESSMENTS
fortnightly;	completed fortnightly;	Exam papers practised in class
Half Term 1 Language and communication topic test – taken from a past exam paper and completed under exam conditions.	Half Term 1 Paper 1 and Paper 2 PPEs	
Paper 1 PPE	Half Term 2 Psychological problems topic test – taken from a	
Half Term 2	past exam paper and completed under exam	
Brain and neuropsychology topic test – taken from a past exam paper and completed under exam conditions.	conditions.	

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