

Psychology Year Plan

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Year 12

	2 hours a week	2 hours a week	1 hour a week
Autumn Term	Memory Topic Models of memory Theories of forgetting Eye Witness Testimony	Attachment Topic Explanations and types of attachment Caregiver-infant interactions Animal studies Effects of maternal deprivation	Research Methods Topic Methods, designs, sampling, aims, hypotheses, variables, ethics, graphs, types of data, maths content, pilot studies, peer review, psychology and the economy
Winter/Spring Term	Social Influence Topic Explanations of conformity and obedience Minority influence and social change	Psychopathology Topic Definitions of abnormality Causes and treatments of depression, OCD and phobias	
Spring Term	Approaches Topic Six psychological approaches (behaviourist, social learning, cognitive, biological, psychodynamic and humanistic)	Biopsychology Topic Nervous system, endocrine system, neurons and synapse	

Assessment Points:

End of unit test at the end of each topic

Mock exams in Feb and May

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	2 hours	2 hours	1 hour
Summer Term (June-July)	Approaches Topic Six psychological approaches (behaviourist, social learning, cognitive, biological,	Bio psychology Topic Brain localisation, brain trauma, split brain research, ways of studying the brain and biological rhythms	Research Methods Designing investigations

	psychodynamic and humanistic)		
Autumn/Winter Term	Relationships Topic Sexual selection Factors affecting attraction Theories of relationships Virtual and parasocial relationships	Schizophrenia Topic Classification and diagnosis Biological explanations and treatments Psychological explanations and treatments The interactionist approach	Research Methods Statistical tests Reliability and validity Report writing Features of a science
Spring Term	Issues and Debates Nature v nurture, free will v determinism, reductionism v holism, idiographic v nomothetic, gender and cultural bias and ethical implications	Aggression Biological explanations of aggression Social explanations, aggression in prisons and media influences	Research Methods Revision and Exam practice

Assessment Points:

End of unit test at the end of each topic

Mock exams in Feb

External Exams commence May