

## Curriculum Journey 2025-2026

### Subject: Psychology

### Exam board: AQA

Year 12	Half Term 1	Half term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half term 5	Half Term 6
Topic	Research methods Biopsychology	Research Methods Biopsychology Memory	Attachment Memory	Attachment Memory Social influence Clinical psychology and mental health	Social influence Clinical psychology and mental health	Approaches
Vocabulary	Hypotheses Experimental design Independent variable Dependent variable Sampling Synaptic transmission Summation Fight or flight response Nervous system Neurons	Lab experiment Correlations Measures of central tendency Measures of dispersion Ethics Lateralisation Localisation Split brain research Axon sprouting Contralateral	Discriminate Indiscriminate Imprinting Monotropy Critical period Sensory register STM LTM Central executive Phonological loop Visuo-spatial sketchpad	Secure Insecure-avoidant Insecure-resistant Maternal deprivation Institutionalisation Retrieval failure Interference Eyewitness testimony (EWT) Conformity Deviation from ideal mental health	Obedience Dispositional factors Authoritarian personality Locus of control Minority influence Phobias Depression OCD Cognitive behavioural therapy Systematic desensitisation	Biological Cognitive Psychodynamic Humanistic Behavioural Learning theories Social learning theory
Assessment	Milestone assessment x 2 Practice timed exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Practice timed exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Practice timed exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Practice timed exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Practice timed exam questions	Formal mock (2x 2hr papers)



Links to prior learning	Knowledge of experiments in science, as well as the nervous system and neurons.	Knowledge of components of research from HT1 to be applied to topics. Mean, median, mode and range from maths.	Knowledge of components of research from HT1 to be applied to topics.	Knowledge of components of research from HT1 to be applied to topics.	Knowledge of components of research from HT1 to be applied to topics. Knowledge of mental health from PSHE.	Knowledge of cognitive psychology in memory Knowledge of biological psychology in biopsychology Knowledge of learning theories in attachment
Catholic Social Teaching	Dignity Solidarity The common good	Dignity Solidarity The common good Peace Dignity of work and participation	Dignity Solidarity The common good Option for the poor	Dignity Solidarity The common good Option for the poor Peace Dignity of work and participation	Dignity Solidarity The common good Option for the poor Peace Dignity of work and participation	Dignity Solidarity The common good Option for the poor Peace Dignity of work and participation Creation and the environment
Careers and Personal Development links	Critical thinking Ethical awareness Numeracy and interpreting data Problem solving  Links to careers: psychologists, academic researchers, neuroscientist, healthcare roles.	Critical thinking Ethical awareness Communication skills Empathy Problem solving Teamwork  Links to careers: psychologists, academic researchers, neuroscientist, healthcare roles.	Empathy Ethical reasoning Metacognition  Links to careers: psychologists, academic researchers, neuroscientist, healthcare roles.	Empathy Ethical reasoning Critical thinking Analytical skills Self-awareness  Links to careers: psychologists, academic researchers, neuroscientist, healthcare roles.	Empathy Ethical reasoning Critical thinking Analytical skills Self-awareness  Links to careers: psychologists, academic researchers, neuroscientist, healthcare roles.	Empathy Ethical reasoning Critical thinking Analytical skills Self-awareness  Links to careers: psychologists, academic researchers, neuroscientist, healthcare roles.

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