

## Curriculum Journey 2025-2026

### Subject: GCSE Psychology

### Exam board: AQA

Year 10	Half Term 1	Half term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half term 5	Half Term 6
Topic	Research Methods Memory	Research Methods Memory	Social Influence Psychological problems	Social Influence Development Psychological problems	Development Psychological problems	Consolidating Y10 work
Vocabulary	Hypotheses Independent variable Dependent variable Reliability Validity Encoding Storage Retrieval Short term memory Long term memory	Sampling Experimental design Randomisation Operationalisation Ecological validity Serial position curve Primacy effect Recency effect Interference Context	Conformity Obedience Unanimity Temporal validity Normative social influence ICD DSM Economy Social stigma Depression	Agency theory Proximity Authoritarian personality Dispositional factors Social factors Serotonin Neurotransmitters Synaptic transmission SSRIs Antidepressants	Nature Nurture Cerebellum Schema Conservation Schemas Attributes CBT Addiction Genetics Social learning theory	All key vocab from HT1- HT5.
Assessment	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Formal mock exam (2hrs) Timed essays Practice exam questions



Links to prior learning	Knowledge of the research process from science.	Application of research methods to key studies in memory.	Ethics and social responsibility from RE and PSHE. Nazi Germany in History.	Role of neurotransmitters from science.	Schemas- covered in development before studying in explanations of depression.	Links to all topics covered in Y10.
Catholic Social Teaching	Dignity of work and participation	Dignity of work and participation Solidarity Dignity	Option for the poor The common good Solidarity Dignity	Option for the poor The common good Creation and environment Dignity	Option for the poor The common good Dignity	Dignity of work and participation Option for the poor The common good Creation and environment Dignity
Careers and Personal Development links	Critical thinking Problem solving Communication skills Memory improvement Organisation Time management	Careers link with clinical psychologist Mark Guyers. Self-awareness Communication Problem solving	Decision making Empathy and awareness Leadership skills Compassion and support Links to careers in mental health	Resilience Self awareness Improved relationships Compassion and support Links to careers in mental health	Better mental health management Resilience Compassion and support Links to careers in mental health	Resilience Decision making Leadership skills Problem solving