



## Curriculum Journey 2025-2026

### Subject: GCSE Psychology

### Exam board: AQA

Year 11	Half Term 1	Half term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half term 5	Half Term 6
Topic	Language, thought and communication Brain and neuropsychology	Language, thought and communication Brain and neuropsychology	Perception Research methods	Perception Research methods	Consolidation of content covered in Y10 and Y11	External exams this half term
Vocabulary	Sapir-Whorf hypothesis Piaget Non-verbal communication Eye contact Body language Cerebral cortex Neurotransmitters Synaptic transmission Localisation	Sapir-Whorf hypothesis Piaget Non-verbal communication Eye contact Body language Cerebral cortex Neurotransmitters Synaptic transmission Localisation	Sensation Perception Monocular depth cues Binocular depth cues Visual illusions Hypotheses Independent variables Dependent variables Experimental design Reliability	Culture Motivation Visual cues Sampling Experimental design Randomisation Operationalisation Ecological validity	All key vocab from HT1-HT4, as well as vocab.	All key vocab from HT1- HT5.
Assessment	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Formal mock exams Timed essays Practice exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Milestone assessment x 2 Timed essays Practice exam questions	Formal external exam Practice exam questions	Formal external exam



Links to prior learning	Knowledge of the brain and nervous system from science. Language use from English.	Knowledge of the brain and nervous system from science. Language use from English.	Knowledge of eye structure from biology, optical illusions from art and geometry and shape from maths. Recall of research methods from Y10.	Knowledge of eye structure from biology, optical illusions from art and geometry and shape from maths. Recall of research methods from Y10.	Recap of all content covered across Y10 and Y11.	Recap of all content covered across Y10 and Y11.
Catholic Social Teaching	Dignity Solidarity The common good The dignity of work and participation	Dignity Solidarity The common good The dignity of work and participation	Dignity The common good Creation and environment	Dignity The common good Creation and environment The dignity of work and participation	Dignity The common good Creation and environment The dignity of work and participation	Dignity The common good Creation and environment The dignity of work and participation
Careers and Personal Development links	Communication skills Scientific mindset Empathy  Careers link: speech and language therapist, education and neuroscience.	Communication skills Scientific mindset Empathy  Careers link: speech and language therapist, education and neuroscience.	Visual awareness Problem solving Analytical thinking Critical thinking  Careers link: Designer, Optometry, technology and gaming, academic researcher.	Visual awareness Problem solving Analytical thinking Critical thinking  Careers link: Designer, Optometry, technology and gaming, academic researcher.	Organisation Time management Critical thinking Problem solving	Organisation Time management Critical thinking Problem solving