



AQA A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY Plans for Year 12 Curriculum

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 12	<p><u>Attachment</u> <u>Memory</u> <u>Research methods</u></p> <p>- Introducing students to theories of attachment.</p> <p>-Introducing students to theories of memory and the role of memory in the court system.</p> <p>- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified Paper 2 content.</p> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><u>Social influence</u> <u>Psychopathology</u></p> <p>- Understanding social behavior and social influence – how and why humans conform and obey one another.</p> <p><i>- Understanding the behavioural, cognitive, and emotional characteristics of mental disorders, their origins, and their associated treatments.</i></p> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><u>Approaches</u> <u>Biopsychology AS</u></p> <p>-Understanding different psychological perspectives of behavior.</p> <p>-The divisions of the nervous system The process of synaptic transmission, including reference to neurotransmitters, excitation, and inhibition. The fight or flight response including the role of adrenaline</p> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><u>Approaches</u> <u>Biopsychology AS</u></p> <p>--Understanding different psychological perspectives of behavior.</p> <p>-The divisions of the nervous system The process of synaptic transmission, including reference to neurotransmitters, excitation, and inhibition. The fight or flight response including the role of adrenaline</p> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><u>Biopsychology A2</u></p> <p>Understand ways of studying the brain, localisation of function, lateralisation, and split-brain research. Demonstrating knowledge on circadian, infradian and ultradian rhythms as well as exogenous zeitgebers and endogenous pacemakers.</p> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><u>Issues and debates</u></p> <p>Understanding 7 keys debates that underpin psychology and relating them to topics studied throughout the year</p> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>



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Specification Links: [AQA | AS and A-level | Psychology | Specification at a glance](#)

Text book Link: [AQA Psychology for A Level Year 2 Student... by Flanagan, Cara \(amazon.co.uk\)](#) (Book/year 2)

[AQA Psychology for A Level Year 1 & AS Student Book: 2nd Edition: Amazon.co.uk: Flanagan, Cara, Jarvis, Matt, Liddle, Rob: 9781912820429: Books](#) (Book/year 1)