

## AQA A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

### Plans for Years 12 and 13 Curriculum

TERM	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
<b>YEAR 12</b>	<p><b>Attachment Memory Research methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introducing students to theories of attachment.</li> <li>-Introducing students to theories of memory and the role of memory in the court system.</li> <li>- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified Paper 2 content.</li> </ul> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><b>Social influence Psychopathology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding social behavior and social influence – how and why humans conform and obey one another.</li> <li>- <i>Understanding the behavioural, cognitive, and emotional characteristics of mental disorders, their origins, and their associated treatments.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><b>Approaches Biopsychology AS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Understanding different psychological perspectives of behavior.</li> <li>-The divisions of the nervous system</li> <li>The process of synaptic transmission, including reference to neurotransmitters, excitation, and inhibition. The fight or flight response including the role of adrenaline</li> </ul> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><b>Approaches Biopsychology AS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>--Understanding different psychological perspectives of behavior.</li> <li>-The divisions of the nervous system</li> <li>The process of synaptic transmission, including reference to neurotransmitters, excitation, and inhibition. The fight or flight response including the role of adrenaline</li> </ul> <p><i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i></p>	<p><b>Biopsychology A2</b></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><b>Issues and debates</b></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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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)