

AQA A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

Plans for Years 12 and 13 Curriculum

TERM	AUTUMN 1	AUTUMN 2	SPRING 1	SPRING 2	SUMMER 1	SUMMER 2
YEAR 12	Attachment Memory Research methods - Introducing students to theories of attachment. -Introducing students to theories of memory and the role of memory in the court system. - demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in relation to the specified Paper 2 content. <i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Social influence Psychopathology - Understanding social behavior and social influence – how and why humans conform and obey one another. <i>- Understanding the behavioural, cognitive, and emotional characteristics of mental disorders, their origins, and their associated treatments.</i> <i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Approaches Biopsychology AS -Understanding different psychological perspectives of behavior. -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 <i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Approaches Biopsychology AS --Understanding different psychological perspectives of behavior. -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 <i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Biopsychology A2 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. <i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Issues and debates Understanding 7 keys debates that underpin psychology and relating them to topics studied throughout the year <i>Essay based questions Mid and end of unit exams</i>

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YEAR 13	Issues and debates -Understanding 7 keys debates that underpin psychology and relating them to topics studied throughout the year. <i>Essay based questions</i> <i>Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Research methods year 2 content -Designing research, conducting research, analysing and interpreting data including statistical tests. <i>Essay based questions</i> <i>Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Relationships -Theories of romantic relationships. The use of social media Evolutionary explanations of relationships Para-social relationships. <i>Essay based questions</i> <i>Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Aggression - <i>Understanding psychological perspectives of human aggression including biological, sociological, and cognitive explanations.</i> - <i>Ethological aggression including ritualistic and ballistic concepts.</i> <i>Essay based questions</i> <i>Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Schizophrenia -Assessing the validity and diagnosis of Schizophrenia Psychological and biological explanations of Schizophrenia. Psychological and biological treatments of Schizophrenia <i>Essay based questions</i> <i>Mid and end of unit exams</i>	Revision - <i>Assessment, intervention, and revision for A-Level exams</i>

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)