

Psychology: Curriculum Journey

Key Stage 4 - GCSE



Year 10

Autumn	Theories and research surrounding memory, how it stores, retrieves and organises our knowledge and experiences.
Spring	How we perceive the world, and how this can be deceived or enhanced, followed by developmental psychology and the growth of the human mind physically and psychologically.
Summer	Methods of researching individuals in psychology, statistical data, final assessments and mocks before Year 11 content.

Year 11

Autumn	Social Influence, and the role of others on our behaviour, first set of year 11 assessments and revisiting weak areas.
Spring	Language and communication, how this is done and why everyone is so different, as well as the neuroscience of the brain behind many ideas the students have already explored.
Summer	Learning about instances when individuals are not behaving typically because of factors such as mental health, brain injury etc, and how best to approach these issues.

Applied Psychology Curriculum Journey Key Stage 5 - A level



Year 12

Autumn	Learners will explore four key approaches in psychology – social, cognitive, learning and biological – and apply these approaches to issues relevant to contemporary society.
Spring	Learners develop knowledge, understanding and skills in the scientific process and in psychological research methodology. Revision of Autumn 1 for those submitted for re-takes of the exam.
Summer	Complete and improve if necessary a research project using the methods learned in the past two terms, and assessing the success of their findings of a psychological study.

Year 13

Autumn	Learners explore psychological approaches and theories related to lifestyle choices, unhealthy behaviours and behavioural change, linking them to their specific contexts.
Spring	Learners will synthesise their knowledge of the approaches towards mental health and mental health disorders, in order to understand how to identify and diagnose them, Revision of Autumn 1 for those submitted for re-takes of the exam.
Summer	Learners will learn the history and effectiveness of psychological treatments for mental disorders.