



**Psychology: Curriculum Overview**  
**Year 12**

Term	Topic studied	What will I learn?	How will I be assessed?
Year 12 Autumn	Cognitive Psychology  Social Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Models of memory.</li> <li>Research methodology (e.g. lab experiments).</li> <li>A practical research exercise based on the topic of memory.</li> <li>A classic and a contemporary study.</li> <li>An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of memory.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories of prejudice.</li> <li>Theories of obedience.</li> <li>Research methodology (e.g. questionnaires).</li> <li>A practical research exercise based on the topic of prejudice.</li> <li>A classic and a contemporary study.</li> <li>An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of prejudice and obedience.</li> </ul>	<p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Cognitive Psychology module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A short written paper on the cognitive psychology practical.</li> <li>➤ A short-answer question on a cognitive topic.</li> <li>➤ An extended writing question on a cognitive topic.</li> </ul> <p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Social Psychology module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A short written paper on the social psychology practical.</li> <li>➤ A short-answer question on a social topic.</li> <li>➤ An extended writing question on a social topic.</li> </ul>
Year 12 Spring	Biological Psychology  Learning Theories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories of aggression.</li> <li>Recreational drugs and the central nervous system.</li> <li>Research methodology (e.g. correlations).</li> <li>A practical research exercise based on the topic of aggression.</li> <li>A classic and a contemporary study.</li> <li>An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of aggression.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classical conditioning.</li> <li>Operant conditioning.</li> <li>Social Learning Theory.</li> <li>Research methodology (e.g. observations).</li> <li>A practical research exercise based on the topic of social learning theory.</li> <li>A classic and a contemporary study.</li> <li>An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of media influence and learned behaviour.</li> </ul>	<p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Biological Psychology module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A short written paper on the biological psychology practical.</li> <li>➤ A short-answer question on a biological topic.</li> <li>➤ An extended writing question on a biological topic.</li> </ul> <p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Learning Theories module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A short written paper on the learning theories practical.</li> <li>➤ A short-answer question on a learning theories topic.</li> <li>➤ An extended writing question on a learning theories topic.</li> </ul>
Year 12 Summer	Mock exam preparation  Child Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revision.</li> <li>Exam technique.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theories of attachment.</li> <li>Privation and deprivation.</li> <li>Autism.</li> <li>Research methodology (e.g. child interviews).</li> <li>A practical research exercise based on the topic of attachment.</li> <li>A classic and a contemporary study.</li> <li>An issue that is of interest to society based on the topic of short-term deprivation.</li> </ul>	<p>Summer mock examination.</p> <p>There are three assessment opportunities in the Child Psychology module;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A short written paper on the child psychology practical.</li> <li>➤ A short-answer question on a child topic.</li> <li>➤ An extended writing question on a child topic.</li> </ul>