

# Psychology: Curriculum Mapping

**Paper 1:** Social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology

**Paper 2:** Approaches, biopsychology and research methods.

**Paper 3:** Issues and debates, gender, schizophrenia and addiction

**Final Exams**



**Revision**

**Addiction:** Physical and psychological dependence. Risk factors in the development of addiction. Explanations for nicotine and gambling addiction. Methods for reducing addiction. The theory of planned behaviour and Prochaska's six-stage model.

**Gender:** Sex, gender and sex-role stereotypes. The role of chromosomes and hormones. Explanations of gender development, The influence of culture and media on gender roles. Biological and social explanations for gender dysphoria.



**Year 13 Mocks**

**Summer Term**



**Issues and Debates:** The nature-nurture and free-will and determinism debates. The issues of gender and culture bias. The issue of ethical implications in research. Holism and reductionism. Idiographic and nomothetic approaches.

**Approaches:** Comparison of the approaches.

**Schizophrenia:** The diagnosis and classification of schizophrenia with a focus on reliability and validity. Biological and psychological explanations and treatments for schizophrenia. The interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia.



**Spring Term**



**Year 13  
Autumn  
Term**

**Biopsychology:** A detailed look at the brain; localisation of function and hemispheric lateralisation, recovery of the brain and ways we can study the brain. Biological rhythms: the types and the regulators of the rhythms.

**Biopsychology:** A detailed look at the divisions of the nervous system and synaptic transmission.

**Research Methods:** An introduction to statistical testing.

**Psychopathology:** What are the clinical characteristics for depression, phobic disorders and OCD? How can we explain psychological disorders and what are the treatments?



**Year 12 Mocks**



**Attachment:** How do attachments form and what are the different types? Explanations for attachment and the consequences of disrupting attachments. The influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships.

**Research Methods:** Scientific processes in research and data handling and analysis.

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**Summer Term**



**Memory:** Models of memory. Why do we forget information? How does anxiety affect memory? How can the police benefit from research into eyewitness testimony?

**Research Methods:** Scientific processes in research and data handling and analysis.

**Spring Term**

**Research Methods:** Scientific processes in research and data handling and analysis.

**Approaches:** How does the biological approach explain behaviour?

**Approaches:** Where did psychology originate from? How does the cognitive approach explain behaviour?



**Year 12  
Autumn  
Term**

**Social Influence:** Why do people comply or obey? Are certain personalities more or less likely to obey? How does the minority influence the majority?



**Approaches:** The psychodynamic approach and humanistic psychology.

An introduction to **essay writing** in psychology.

**Approaches:** How do the learning approaches explain behaviour?

