



# Psychology GCSE - Year 10



## AUTUMN (Teacher 1)

Core Psychology  
Introduction to Research Methods and hypotheses, variables (IV/DV/EV) and sampling methods - random, opportunity, systematic and stratified.

Investigation methods - Experimental methods: Lab experiments, Field experiments, Natural experiments, questionnaires  
Investigation methods - Experimental methods: Interviews, Case Studies, Observations

Correlations  
Research procedures, Planning and Conducting Research  
Ethics & Data

## PRIOR LEARNING

### Summative Assessment 1

Range of short knowledge based questions and essays on research methods and memory

## AUTUMN (Teacher 2)

Introduction to Memory: Processes of Memory  
Structures of Memory: Multi-Store Model (KEY THEORY)  
Structures of Memory: Primacy & Recency Effects

Structures of Memory: Murdock's Serial Position Curve (KEY STUDY)  
Memory as an Active Process: Theory of Reconstructive Memory (KEY THEORY)  
Memory as an Active Process: Bartlett's War of the Ghosts (KEY STUDY)

Factors affecting the Accuracy of Memory  
Perception: The difference between Sensation & Perception

Research methods.  
Key features of a study  
How to evaluate a study

## SPRING (Teacher 1)

Data in research methods  
Research Methods Recap  
Introduction to Developmental Psychology  
The brain

Nature and Nurture  
Piaget - theory of cognitive development and the four stages & application to education (KEY THEORY)  
Conservation McGarrigle and Donaldson (Naughty teddy study) and Egocentrism Hughes (Policeman doll study) (KEY STUDIES)

Dweck's theory of learning (fixed and growth mindset) (KEY THEORY)

## PRIOR LEARNING

Research methods.  
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## SPRING (Teacher 2)

Perception: Visual Cues  
Perception: Gibson's Direct Theory (KEY THEORY)  
Retrieval of memory topic

Perception: Visual Illusions  
Perception: Gregory's Constructivist Theory (KEY THEORY)  
Retrieval of memory topic

Research methods.  
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### Summative Assessment 2

Range of short knowledge based questions and essays on developmental psychology and perception. Year 10 PPEs

## SUMMER (Teacher 1)

Y10 PPEs  
The role of praise and self-efficacy  
Learning styles - visualisers and verbalisers  
Willingham's learning theory (KEY THEORY)

Introduction to mental health  
Types and diagnosing of depression  
Biological theories and treatments of depression

Psychological theories and treatments of depression.  
Wiles Study (KEY STUDY)

## PRIOR LEARNING

Research methods.  
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## SUMMER (Teacher 2)

YEAR 10 PPE

Factors affecting Perception.

Characteristics of addiction

Biological theories and treatments of addiction

Psychological theories and treatments of addiction

Research methods.

Key features of a study

How to evaluate a study



# Psychology A Level - Year 12



## AUTUMN (Teacher 1)

Psychology Core: RM, I&D and Real Life Application  
Aims, hypotheses and variables

Reliability, Validity and sampling  
Experiments, experimental designs and correlations  
Observations and self reports

Case studies, meta-analysis, content analysis, pilot studies and ethics  
Assessment and descriptive and inferential stats

## PRIOR LEARNING

### Summative Assessment 1

To cover a range of short, long and essay questions on RM and approaches

## AUTUMN (Teacher 2)

Approaches: Intro & origins of psych  
Approaches: Psychodynamic, behaviourist, humanistic, cognitive, SLT and biological

Issues and debates  
Approaches knowledge retrieval and exam practice

Psychology core

## SPRING (Teacher 1)

Report writing and features of science  
Psychology and the economy. Assessment.

Biopsychology - the NS Neurons, synaptic transmission and the endocrine system  
Fight or flight, studying the brain and localisation of function

Split brain research, plasticity and functional recovery  
Bio rhythms, assessment and intro into attachment. Research studies task.  
Recap & revision - all criteria

## PRIOR LEARNING

Psychology core  
Key features of a study  
Evaluating research

### Summative Assessment 2

To cover a range of short, long and essay questions on RM and approaches

## SPRING (Teacher 2)

Evaluating approaches  
Comparison of approaches  
Memory - Features of the Multi-store model of memory  
The Working Memory Model

Theories of forgetting  
Eye witness testimony  
The Cognitive interview

Psychopathology: definitions of abnormality  
Psychopathology: cognitive explanation & treatment of depression

Psychology core  
Key features of a study  
Evaluating research

## SUMMER (Teacher 1)

Cargiver/infant interactions. Animal studies. Theories of attachment. AO3  
Strange situation & cultural variations. Mat dep and institutionalisation. AO3

Influence of attachment on relationships  
PPE  
Psychological investigations

## PRIOR LEARNING

Psychology core  
Key features of a study  
Evaluating research

## SUMMER (Teacher 2)

Psychopathology: cognitive explanation & treatment of depression  
Psychopathology: bio explanation & treatment of OCD

Psychopathology: behavioural explanation & treatment of phobias  
PPEs  
Social influence research

Psychology core  
Key features of a  
study  
Evaluating research



# Psychology - Year 13



## AUTUMN (Teacher 1)

Infant and caregiver interaction, role of the father and stages of attachment and animal studies  
Theories of attachment and strange situation

Cultural variations, maternal deprivation and institutionalisation  
Influence of attachment on relationships and assessment  
Offender profiling and biological explanations of offending  
Psychological explanations of offending

## PRIOR LEARNING

Psychology core  
Key features of a study  
Evaluating research

Summative Assessment 1  
Range of short knowledge based questions and essays

## AUTUMN (Teacher 2)

Evolutionary explanations of partner preference - sexual selection and human reproductive behaviour  
Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships: self-disclosure; physical attractiveness, the matching hypothesis; filter theory, including social demography, similarity in attitudes and complementarity

Theories of romantic relationships - social exchange theory, equity theory and Rusbult's investment model of commitment, satisfaction, comparison with alternatives and investment.  
Duck's phase model of relationship breakdown: Intra-psychic, dyadic, social and grave dressing phases.  
Virtual relationships in social media: self-disclosure in virtual relationships; effects of absence of gating on the nature of virtual relationships.

Psychology core  
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## SPRING (Teacher 1)

PPE  
Psychological explanations of offending  
Dealing with offending behaviour and assessment

Schizophrenia (sz) - classification of SZ. Reliability and validity of diagnosing sz.  
Biological explanations and treatments of SZ  
Psychological explanations and treatments of SZ

Interactionist approaches in explaining and treating SZ  
Exam - Paper ONE 16th May 2025  
Exam - Paper TWO 21st May 2025

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Summative Assessment 2  
Range of short knowledge based questions and essays

## SPRING (Teacher 2)

PPE's  
Parasocial relationships - the absorption addiction model and the attachment theory explanation

A03 Issues and debates - Culture and gender  
Issues and debates - Reductionism and Holism  
Issues and debates - Idiographic and Nomothetic

Issues and debates - Nature and Nurture  
Issues and debates - ethical implications and social sensitivity in psychological research  
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## SUMMER 1

Exams  
Exam - Paper TWO 9th June 2025

## PRIOR LEARNING

## SUMMER 2

