

## GCSE Psychology

### Course Specifications

**Course Title:** GCSE Psychology

**Exam Board:** [AQA](#)

**Link to specification:** [GCSE Specification](#)

**Grading:** 1-9

### Course Details

#### What will you learn?

##### Year 10

##### Autumn

- Perception
- Research Methods Part 1

##### Spring

- Memory
- Research Methods Part 2

##### Summer

- Development
- Exam Skills

##### Year 11

##### Autumn

- Language Thought & Communication
- Data Handling

##### Spring

- Social Influence
- The Brain & Neuropsychology

##### Summer

- Psychological Problems
- Synoptic Links

How will you be assessed?
<p><b>During the course:</b></p> <p><b>Year 10:</b> End of Unit Tests will assess students understanding and skills at the end of every topic. Mid-Year and End of Year Exams will also inform students of their achievement and progress.</p> <p><b>Year 11:</b> End of Unit Tests will assess students understanding and skills at the end of every topic. PPE1 and PPE2 Exams will also inform students of their achievement and progress.</p>
<p><b>At the end of the course:</b></p> <p><b>Your final grade will be awarded based on the following examinations:</b></p> <p>The AQA GCSE Psychology programme is examination based and you will be required to sit <b>two exams</b> at the end of Year 11. Each exam will cover <b>four topics each</b> and will contain a mixture of questions (i.e. multiple choice, short answer &amp; extended essay writing questions).</p> <p><b>Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)</b> Topics include: Perception, Memory, Development and Research Methods.</p> <p><b>Paper 2: Social Context and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)</b> Topics include: Social Influence, Language, thought &amp; communication, Brain &amp; Neuropsychology and Psychological problems.</p>

What independent work can you do?
<p><b>Learn:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Glossary of Key Terms</a></p>
<p><b>RAG and Revisit:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Paper 1 PLC</a> <a href="#">Paper 2 PLC</a></p>
<p><b>Explore:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Can you trust your memory?</a> <a href="#">What is memory?</a> <a href="#">Perception and sensation</a> <a href="#">Brain development</a> <a href="#">What is conformity?</a> <a href="#">The language of body language</a> <a href="#">Psychology Related Articles</a></p>

**Revise:**

Top tips and strategies

- Start early
- Plan your study time
- Make meaningful notes
- Summarise
- Be active in lessons
- Space your revision
- Quiz yourself
- Use resources provided below to help mix up your revision methods

**Prepare:**

[Exam papers](#)

**Which resources should you use?**

Textbooks, websites, online resources

Google Classroom - RHI PowerPoints

[Textbook used within School](#)

[AQA GCSE Revision Guide](#)

[Revision Notes](#)

PLCS Linked above

[Past papers](#)

Teacher Feedback on assessments

[PsychBoost](#)