



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?

During the Course

Year 10:

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.

Year 11:

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.

At the end of the course:

Your final grade will be awarded based on the following examinations and / or coursework.

The AQA GCSE Psychology programme is examination based and you will be required to sit two exams at the end of Year 11. Each exam will cover four topics each and will contain a mixture of questions (i.e. multiple choice, short answer & extended essay writing questions).

Paper 1: Cognition and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)

Topics include: Perception, Memory, Development and Research Methods.

Paper 2: Social Context and behaviour (50% of GCSE grade)

Topics include: Social Influence, Language, thought & communication, Brain & Neuropsychology and Psychological problems.

What independent work can you do?

Learn:

[Glossary of Key Terms](#)

RAG and Revisit:

[Paper 1 PLC](#)

[Paper 2 PLC](#)

Explore:

[Can you trust your memory?](#)

[What is memory?](#)

[Perception and sensation](#)

[Brain development](#)

[What is conformity?](#)

[The language of body language](#)

[Psychology Related Articles](#)



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](#)