

GCSE Psychology (AQA)

1 year course

Topics (age guide 14 - 16)

Autumn 1:	
Topic	Lessons
Memory	Processes : Encoding, storage and retrieval & Key study Baddley LTM & Multi store model Primary & Recency effect & Key study Murdock Key study Bartlett & The theory of reconstructive memory Accuracy of memory: Interference & context & False memory
Perception	Sensation & perception Visual cues & constancies & Visual illusions Gibson direct theory Gregory constructivist theory Factors affecting perception
Development	Early brain development Piaget theory Key studies & Piaget - Role in education Dweck Mindset & praise & efficacy Learning styles & Willingham's learning theory

Spring 1:	
Topic	Lessons
Research methods	Hypothesis & variables & experiments & experimental design Sampling & ethics & interviews Observation & correlations & questionnaire Case study & Reliability & validity & types of data Descriptive stats & display & computation (maths lesson)
Social influence	Conformity Obedience Prosocial behaviour Crowd & collective - behaviour - deindividuation & case study Crowd & collective -Social and dispositional factors
Language thought & communication	Language & thought - Piaget & Sapir-Whorf hypothesis

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	Language & thought - Our view of the world & Bee study Human & animal communication & Non verbal part 1 Non verbal communication Darwin & Explanations of non verbal behaviour
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Summer 1:	
Topic	Lessons
Brain and neuropsychology	Structure, function of nervous system & autonomic nervous system James-lange theory of emotion Neuron - structure & function & Hebb's theory Structure & localisation of function & Penfield Neuropsychology & scanning Gold memory study - Tulving
Psychological problems	Intro to mental health Depression - characteristics - biological - explanations & treatments Depression - psychological - explanations & treatments Addiction - Intro & types Addiction - biological - explanations & treatments Addiction - psychological - explanations & treatments

This is a one-year course – therefore repeats every 12 months.