## **Psychology**



## **Curriculum Overview**

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Year 13		
Autumn Half Term 1	Skills	
Approaches	AO1 – Name, outline, describe,	
The Psychodynamic	explain.	
approach	AO2 – Apply psychological	
Humanistic Psychology	knowledge to novel scenarios.	
Comparison of Approaches	AO3 – Evaluate, compare,	
Issues and Debates	contrast. Use research to	
	support or refute a theory or	
Biopsychology	approach.	
Localisation of brain function		
Plasticity and functional		
recovery after brain trauma		
Split Brain Research		
Brain scanning techniques		
Biological Rhythms	Q1 III	
Autumn Half Term 2	Skills	
Cognition and Development	AO1 – Name, outline, describe,	
Piaget's theory of cognitive	explain.	
development	AO2 – Apply psychological	
Piaget's stages of intellectual	knowledge to novel scenarios.	
development	AO3 – Evaluate, compare,	
Vygotsky's theory of	contrast. Use research to	
cognitive development	support or refute a theory or	
Baillargeon's explanation of	approach.	
infant abilities		
Social Cognition & Levels of Perspective Taking		
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Theory of Mind	
The Mirror Neuron System	
Research Methods - Revision	
Spring Half Term 1	Skills
Schizophrenia Biological and psychological explanations and therapies for schizophrenia An interactionist approach	AO1 – Name, outline, describe, explain.  AO2 – Apply psychological knowledge to novel scenarios.  AO3 – Evaluate, compare,
Issues & Debates Gender and Culture bias Free will and determinism Nature vs nurture	contrast. Use research to support or refute a theory or approach.
Spring Half Term 2	Skills
Forensic psychology Offender Profiling	AO1 – Name, outline, describe, explain.
Biological and Psychological Explanations	AO2 – Apply psychological knowledge to novel scenarios.
Dealing with offending behaviour	AO3 – Evaluate, compare, contrast. Use research to
Holism and reductionism	support or refute a theory or approach.
Idiographic and nomothetic approaches Ethical implications	
Summer Half Term 1	Skills
Research Methods Recap of Research Methods Correlations	AO1 – Name, outline, describe, explain. AO2 – Apply psychological
Case Studies Statistical Tests	knowledge to novel scenarios.  AO3 – Evaluate, compare, contrast. Use research to

Reporting Psychological investigations Examination Practice	support or refute a theory or approach.
Summer Half Term 2	Skills
Examination Practice	