



## COURSE OUTLINE

Subject: Psychology	
Term	Main Assessment task
<b>Autumn 1 – Development – how did you develop?</b>	
Brain development Theories of cognitive development Mindset theory Learning theory Studies Issues and debates – morality	Debates practice question  Research methods practice question  End of unit test
<b>Autumn 2- Memory- how does your memory work?</b>	
Structures of memory Features of memory including capacity and duration Amnesia Reconstructive memory Multi-store model Peterson and Peterson Reductionism and holism debates	Debates practice question  Research methods practice question  End of unit test
<b>Spring 1 – Psychological problems- how would psychological problems affect you? The brain and neuropsychology- how does your brain affect you?</b>	
Understanding addiction Understanding depression Studies in depression Studies of addiction Debates – nature/ nurture Structure and function of the brain Lateralisation of hemispheres Neurones and synapses Impact of damage on the brain Studies Issues and debates – how psychology has changed over time	Debates practice question  Research methods practice question  End of unit test
<b>Spring 2 –Social influence- how do others affect you? Criminal psychology – why do people become criminals?</b>	
Obedience Conformity Bystander intervention Behaviour of crowds Studies in obedience Issues and debates- social issues Conditioning Social learning theory Biological explanations of criminality Punishments Issues and debates- ethical issues	Debates practice question  Research methods practice question  End of unit test
<b>Summer 1 – Sleep and dreaming- why do you need to sleep and dream?</b>	
Benefits of sleep Symptoms of sleep disorders Freud’s theory of Dreaming Hobson and McCarley’s theory of dreaming Studies Research methods revision	Debates practice question  Research methods practice question  End of unit test
<b>Summer 2 – revision</b>	
Revision and exam	Terminal exams



## Course Description for Psychology

### Description

Edexcel GCSE Psychology 1-9  
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### Assessment

#### Paper 1

1 hour and 45 minutes written paper

55% of the qualification

98 marks

Six sections

Five of the six sections include multiple choice and open answer questions on the topics above

The last section includes 2 extended answer questions focussing in debates within psychology

#### Paper 2

1 hour 20 minutes written paper

45% of the qualification

79 marks

Section A: research methods

Section B optional topics: Criminal psychology and Sleep and dreaming.

### Out of class learning including home-learning

Students will have regular exam questions to complete at home

In addition to this all past papers are accessible on the Edexcel website and students will be expected to revise.

Students also have a revision guide which they will be expected to use to revise for internal practice tests and assessments

### How parents can help

Support students to come to school fully equipped with pens, pencils, ruler and a calculator.

Support students to have time to complete exam question homework tasks and revision.

Encourage students to have a system of revision so that they do not miss anything.

Encourage students to ask for help if they feel they need it.