



# GCSE Psychology KS4 Journey Plan



**GCSE PSYCHOLOGY PAPER 2**

**GCSE PSYCHOLOGY PAPER 1**

**Spring PPE3**  
Full Paper 1 & Paper 2

**Feedforward sessions, final exam prep, walking, talking mocks**

Study Piaget's theory of cognitive development, compare human and animal communication, examining similarities and differences. Explore non-verbal communication, including gestures, facial expressions, and body language.

**Language, thought & communication**

**Revision for PPE3**

Covering conformity, obedience, and prosocial behaviour. They also explore crowd and collective behaviour, examining how groups influence individual actions.

**Social Influence**

**Autumn PPE2**  
All YR10 content + RM and Psychological Problems

Students learn about mental health, with a focus on theories and therapies for depression and addiction. They explore causes and treatment options like cognitive-behavioural therapy and medication.

**Psychological Problems**

Learn about the nervous system, neuron structure and brain function. Explore how different brain regions contribute to cognition and engage with cognitive neuroscience, studying the neural basis of mental processes.

**YEAR 11**

**Refresher test for brain & neuropsychology and research methods**

**Brain & Neuropsychology**

**Start Year 11 content**

**Summer PPE1**  
(Covering topics taught between now and the start of the year)

Explore visual illusions, cues and constancies, studying how sensory information shapes our perception of reality. Examine theories and factors influencing perception, including cultural, biological, and psychological influences.

Covering Piaget's Stage Theory and cognitive development from infancy to adolescence. Study the impact of learning experiences on social, emotional and cognitive development. Examine early brain development and how environmental factors shape neural pathways during critical periods.

**Development**

**Perception**

Delve into the intricate processes and structures involved in memory formation, retention and recall. They explore how memory works through stages such as encoding, storage and retrieval.

**Memory**

**On-going module 1 lesson per week**

**Research Methods (fundamentals)**

**YEAR 10**

Introduces the fundamentals of how psychological research is conducted, experiments, observations and surveys, as well as key concepts like reliability, validity and ethical considerations.

# A-Level Psychology KS5 Journey Plan



**A-LEVEL  
PSYCHOLOGY  
PAPER 3**

Offender profiling, biological and psychological explanations, dealing with offending behaviour

**Forensics**

**A-LEVEL  
PSYCHOLOGY  
PAPER 2**

**Spring  
PPE3**

Full Paper 1, 2 & 3

Diagnosis criteria, biological and psychological explanations and therapies

**Schizophrenia**

**A-LEVEL  
PSYCHOLOGY  
PAPER 1**

**Feedforward sessions, final exam prep, walking, talking mocks**

Choosing a statistical test, parametric tests, non-parametric tests, correlation, features of science

**Autumn  
PPE2**

**A2  
Research  
methods**

**YEAR  
13**

Humanistic and psychodynamic approach; localisation of function, split-brain research, biological rhythms

**A2  
Approaches  
and  
Biopsychology  
topics**

**Relationships**

Partner preferences, attraction, theories of romantic relationships, virtual relationships in social media

**START  
YEAR 13  
CONTENT**

**Summer  
PPE1  
(Covering Paper 1 topics)**

Defining Abnormality, exploring explanations and treatments of phobias, depression and OCD

**Psychopathology**

Exploring caregiver infant interactions, how attachment is measured, cultural variations, animal studies, orphan studies

**Attachment**

Delve into the intricate processes and structures involved in memory formation, retention, and recall. Explore how memory works through stages such as encoding, storage, and retrieval.

**Memory**

**Social  
Influence**

Covering conformity, obedience and prosocial behaviour. They also explore crowd and collective behaviour, examining how groups influence individual actions.

**Biopsychology**

Studying the nervous system, endocrine system, neurons and synaptic transmission.

**Approaches**

Exploring the origins and approaches in psychology: Wundt, behaviourist, SLT, biological and cognitive approaches

On-going module 1 lesson per week

**Research  
Methods  
(fundamentals)**

Introduces the fundamentals of how psychological research is conducted, experiments, observations and surveys, as well as key concepts like reliability, validity and ethical considerations.

**YEAR  
12**