

GCSE PSYCHOLOGY

COURSE OVERVIEW

 Paper 1 Topics

 Paper 2 Topics

An overview of the topics studied across Years 10 and 11.

YEAR 10 Building the foundations

MONTH	TOPIC / CONTENT	PAPER	FOCUS
September	 Memory	Paper 1	How we encode, store and retrieve memories.
October	 Research Methods 1	Paper 1	Introduction to psychological research methods.
November	 Development	Paper 1	Attachment, early development and the influence of nature and nurture.
December	 Research Methods 2	Paper 1	More complex research methods and data analysis.
January	 Research Methods 2 / Perception	Paper 1	Finish research methods then start the study of perception.
February	 Perception (complete all content for Paper 1)	Paper 1	How we interpret sensory information.
March	 Language and Thought	Paper 2	The relationship between language, thought and communication.
April	 Social Influence – Conformity and Obedience	Paper 2	Why people conform and obey authority.
May	 Social Influence – Conformity and Obedience	Paper 2	• Continue topic • Revision for Paper 1 mock exam
June	 • Revision for Paper 1 mock exam • Social Influence – Pro and Anti-social Behaviour	Paper 2	Revision then study of pro- and anti-social behaviour.
July	 Social Influence – Pro and Anti-social Behaviour	Paper 2	Complete the topic.

YEAR 11 Applying knowledge and preparing for exams

MONTH	TOPIC / CONTENT	PAPER	FOCUS
September	 Psychological Problems	Paper 2	Explanations and treatments for phobias, depression and OCD.
October	 • Psychological Problems • Brain	Paper 2	Continue psychological problems and begin the brain topic.
November	 • Brain • Revision for Paper 2 mock	Paper 2	Continue brain topic and revise for mock exam.
December	 • Brain • Revision for Paper 2 mock	Paper 2	Continue brain topic and revise for mock exam.
January	 Brain (Complete course)	Paper 2	Finish the brain and neuropsychology course.
February	 Revision for final exams – Paper 1 and Paper 2	Paper 1 & Paper 2	Comprehensive revision for both papers.
March	 Revision for final exams – Paper 1 and Paper 2	Paper 1 & Paper 2	Comprehensive revision for both papers.
April	 Revision for final exams – Paper 1 and Paper 2	Paper 1 & Paper 2	Final preparation for both examinations.
May	 Exams – Paper 1 and Paper 2	Paper 1 & Paper 2	GCSE Psychology examinations.



Students will develop a deeper understanding of how people think, feel and behave and apply psychological knowledge to real-life situations.

