



# Psychology Curriculum Overview



Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 1	Summer 1	Summer 2	Fundamental Learning
10	Introduction to Psychology	Development Psychology	Perception Psychology	Research Methods in Psychology	Revision for End of Year Exam	Revision for End of Year Exam – Paper 1	
	Memory Psychology					Social Influence in Psychology	
	<p>Introduction and go through Student handbook, What is Psychology? Career avenues</p> <p>Memory: Processes of memory, Structures of memory, Memory as an active process</p> <p><b>Pause and Review End of Topic knowledge Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum Links:</b> Science, Maths, Careers</p> <p><b>Careers: Forensic Psychologist</b></p>	<p>Early brain development, Piaget's theory, The effects of learning on development</p> <p><b>Pause and Review End of Topic knowledge Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum Links:</b> Science, Health and Social Care</p> <p><b>Careers: Educational Psychologist</b></p>	<p>Perception: Sensation and perception, Visual clues and constancies, Gibson's theory of perception – the influence of nature, Visual illusions. Gregory's constructivist theory of perception – the influence of nurture, Factors affecting perception.</p> <p><b>Pause and Review End of Topic knowledge Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Careers: Cognitive psychologist</b></p>	<p>Hypotheses and types of variables, Sampling methods. Designing research, Correlation, Quantitative and qualitative data and primary and secondary data, Computation and descriptive statistics, Interpretation and display of quantitative data, Normal distributions, Research procedures, Planning and conducting research, Ethical considerations</p> <p><b>Pause and Review End of Topic knowledge Assessment</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum Links:</b> Maths, Science</p>	<p>Revision and retrieval of all four topics studied this year: Memory, Development, Perception and Research methods</p> <p><b>End of Year Assessment (Paper 1).</b></p> <p><b>Curriculum Links:</b> Maths</p>	<p>Social influence: Conformity, Obedience, Prosocial behavior, Crowd and collective behavior</p> <p><b>Careers: Marketing or consumer psychologist</b></p>	



## Prior Knowledge Needed

Basic understanding of human behaviour and structure of the brain.

Structure of the brain, memory, MSM.

Nature vs. Nurture, Memory and recall.

### Careers: Experimental psychologist

Maths – data handling  
Science – designing and conducting experiments

Retrieval practice and how this works, knowledge of all four topics covered.

Understanding of conducting a study and how to evaluate these along with theories.  
Understanding of human behaviour and factors that may affect this.



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<b>11</b>	Language, thought and communication in Psychology.	Brain and neuropsychology	Psychological Problems	Revision and Exams -all papers	Revision and Exams -all papers		
	<p>The possible relationship between language and thought and its effect on our view of the world, Differences between human and animal communication, Non-verbal communication, Explanations of non-verbal behaviour</p> <p>Pause and Review End of Topic knowledge Assessment</p> <p>Curriculum Links: English Careers: Speech and Language therapist</p>	<p>Structure and functions of the nervous system, Neuron structure and function, Structure and function of the brain, An introduction to neuropsychology,</p> <p>Pause and Review End of Topic knowledge Assessment</p> <p>Curriculum Links: Development Psychology unit, Science Careers: Neuropsychologist</p>	<p>An introduction to mental health, Effects of significant mental health problems on individuals and society, Characteristics of clinical depression, Theories of depression, Interventions or therapies for depression, Characteristics of addiction, Theories of addiction, Interventions or therapies for addiction.</p> <p>Pause and Review End of Topic knowledge Assessment</p> <p>Curriculum Links: PSHCE, Science Careers: Nurse</p>	<p>Revision of all units covered.</p> <p>Curriculum Links: Careers PSHCE</p>	<p>Revision of all units covered.</p> <p>Curriculum Links: Careers PSHCE</p>		





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Needed**

Knowledge of development and how culture can affect recall and perception.  
Piaget's Theory of Cognitive Development.

Structure and functions of the brain, MSM, recall and how this can be affected.

Structure and functions of the brain, nature vs. nurture, cognitive development, social influence, Willingham's Learning Theory.

Knowledge of all topics covered.

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