

Y12 – Outline Programme of Study

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Big ideas/ topics	Research Methods Approaches	Biopsychology Psychopathology	Social psychology	Cognitive psychology	Developmental psychology Y12 revision	Approaches Issues & debates
Key Knowledge	Research methods Scientific processes Data handling and analysis Inferential testing Emergence of Psychology as a science Behaviourist approach Social learning theory Cognitive approach Cognitive neuroscience Biological approach	Nervous system Neurons Synaptic transmission Endocrine system Fight or flight Definitions of abnormality Phobias Depression OCD	Conformity- types and explanations Conformity to social roles Explanations for obedience Explanations of resistance to social influence Minority influence The role of social influence processes in social change	Multi-store model of memory Types of long-term memory Working memory model Explanations for forgetting Eyewitness testimony Cognitive interview	Caregiver-infant interactions in humans Animal studies of attachment Explanations of attachment Ainsworth's 'Strange Situation' Cultural variations in attachment Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation Romanian orphan studies Influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships	Psychodynamic approach Humanistic Psychology Comparison of approaches Gender and culture in Psychology Free will and determinism Nature-nurture debate Holism and reductionism Idiographic and nomothetic approaches to psychological investigation Ethical implications of research studies and theory

Further information and reading list

Exam board

AQA AS Psychology

Textbooks

- AQA Psychology for A Level Year 1 & AS Student Book- Cara Flanagan, Matt Jarvis & Rob Liddle (known as the green haired girl book)
- CGP AS and A-Level Psychology: AQA Complete Revision
- CGP A Level Psychology: Essential Maths Skills

Websites

- <https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology>
- <https://www.youtube.com/c/PsychBoost?app=desktop>
- https://www.youtube.com/@tutor2u-official/playlists?view=50&sort=dd&shelf_id=6
- <https://simplypsychology.org/resources/a-level-psychology>

Journals

- Psychology Review
- The Psychologist



Ways to support and extend student learning in this subject

- Documentaries as directed by your teacher & uploaded onto Google Classroom
- Reading up to date journal articles (found in S2)
- Stay up to date with scientific and medical news (e.g. mental health, social policies etc)
- Use the AQA specification & past papers to test knowledge-
<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182/specification-at-a-glance>