**AQA Psychology A Level - Overview 2022-23**

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| **Year Group** | **Autumn Term** | **Spring Term** | **Summer Term** |
|  | **Term 1** | **Term 2** | **Term 3** | **Term 4** | **Term 5** | **Term 6** |
| **Year 12***The first year of the course will cover the core content of the course which underpins the A Level – Approaches will be taught first alongside Research Methods to provide a background to psychology in practice and its methods. This will then be applied across other units.* | **Approaches*** Origins of Psychology
* Learning approaches
* Cognitive approach
* Biological approach
* Biopsychology
* Psychodynamic
* Humanistic

**Research Methods*** Experimental method
* Research issues
* Experimental design
* Sampling
* Ethical issues
* Pilot studies
* Observations
* Correlations
* Types of data
* Mathematical content
* Statistical testing
 | **Psychopathology*** Definitions of abnormality
* Phobias
* Depression
* OCD
* Behavioural approach to explaining behaviour
* Cognitive approach – depression
* Biological approach – OCD
* Treating OCD, depression, and Phobias

**Social Influence*** Conformity
* Obedience
* Resistance to social influence
* Minority influence
* Social influence and social change
 | **Attachment*** Caregiver interactions
* Schaffer’s Stage of Attachment
* Role of the father
* Animal studies
* Explanations of attachment
* Types of attachment
* Cultural variations
* Maternal Deprivation
* Romanian Orphan Studies
* Influence on attachment on relationships

**Memory*** Coding, capacity, and duration of memory
* Multistore model of memory
* Types of long-term memory
* Explanations for forgetting
* Factors affecting eyewitness testimony
* Improving accuracy of eyewitness testimony
* Cognitive interview
 | **Issues and Debates*** Gender and culture in psychology
* Free-will and determinism
* Nature-Nurture debate
* Holism and Reductionism
* Idiographic and nomothetic approach
* Ethnical implications

**Research Methods*** Correlations
* Case studies
* Reliability
* Validity
* Choosing statistical test
* Probability and significance
* Nonparametric tests
* Spearman and Pearson’s tests of correlation
* Test of association
* Reporting psychological investigations
* Features of Science
 | Revision |
| **Year 13***Students will now apply their Year 1 knowledge to option subjects, which are more complex – they will continue with Research Methods building on what they already know.* | **Research Methods****(recap and revision)****Biopsychology*** The nervous system and endocrine system
* Neurons and synaptic transmission
* Localisation and function of the brain
* Hemispheric lateralisation and split-brain research
* Plasticity and function recovery
* Ways of reporting the brain
* Biological rhythms
* Endogenous pacemakers

**Relationships*** Evolutionary explanations for partner preferences
* Factors affecting attraction
* Theories of romantic relationships
* Virtual relationships in social media
* Parasocial relationships
 | **Schizophrenia*** Introduction
* Biological explanations
* Psychological explanations
* Biological therapy
* Psychological therapy
* Management
* The interactionalist approach to Schizophrenia

**Forensic Psychology*** Offender profiling
* Biological explanations
* Psychological explanations
* Dealing with offender behaviour
 | Revision |  |