



YEAR 10 PSYCHOLOGY: MY LEARNING JOURNEY

AUTUMN 1



CRIMINAL PSYCHOLOGY

Explores why people commit crimes. It covers different types of crime, ways of measuring crime, and theories such as social learning theory and Eysenck's criminal personality theory, along with applications for reducing criminal behaviour.

AUTUMN 2



DEVELOPMENT

Focuses on how individuals grow and change across the lifespan, from prenatal to adulthood. Key areas include brain development, Piaget's cognitive theory (stages of development), Dweck's mindset theory, and the role of education.

SPRING 1



PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS

Examines mental health and abnormality. This topic covers the definition of mental health, mental health continuum, stigma, and specific problems like schizophrenia and depression, including biological (e.g., dopamine hypothesis) and psychological (e.g., social drift theory, ABC model) explanations and treatments.

SPRING 2



RESEARCH METHODS

Underpins the entire course and is assessed in both papers. Students must understand different research designs (experiments, case studies, observations, etc.), sampling methods, data collection and analysis techniques (qualitative/quantitative data, averages, graphs), and ethical considerations.

SUMMER 1



THE BRAIN AND NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

This content covers the structure and function of the brain (cerebrum, cerebellum, brain-stem, lobes), neurons, and how brain activity affects behaviour, often using brain imaging techniques (fMRI, PET scans).

SUMMER 2



ISSUES AND DEBATES IN PSYCHOLOGY

Students must understand and be able to apply several key issues and debates to the core topics; for example - Nature vs Nurture: Whether behaviour is inherited (nature) or learned from the environment (nurture).



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SOCIAL INFLUENCE

Investigates how the presence and actions of others affect an individual's behaviour. Key concepts include conformity, obedience to authority, collective and crowd behaviour, and pro-social/anti-social behaviour, exploring both situational and dispositional factors.

AUTUMN 2



MEMORY

Explores the processes of encoding, storage, and retrieval of information. Topics include the multi-store model of memory, types of forgetting, different types of memory and amnesia (linking to brain structures), and Bartlett's theory of reconstructive memory.

SPRING 1: READING



SLEEP AND DREAMING

Studies the functions and benefits of sleep, sleep disorders, and the biological rhythms involved (endogenous pacemakers and exogenous zeitgebers). It also examines theories of dreaming, such as Freud's theory and the activation-synthesis theory.

SPRING 2: SPK&LIST



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SUMMER 2 : WRITING



GCSE EXAM REVISION AND EXAMINATION

Revision of each topic area in preparation for Paper 1 and Paper 2 for the OCE GCSE Psychology examinations.