

Psychology Year 2 Scheme of Work 2025-2026

The week	In class	Planned Study	For students
Autumn term 1-2	Enrolment 27 August – 5th September	Reorganise folders; Table of approaches; Brain scanning techniques pp. 44-5	
Week 3 08 Sept	Introduction Comparison of approaches Issues and Debates Brain scanning techniques	Make notes on: Circadian rhythms pp. 46-7	Pack A set 1
Week 4 15 Sept	Biopsychology Circadian rhythms ASSESSMENT 1 – ISSUES AND DEBATES	Make notes on: Infradian and Ultradian rhythms pp. 48-9 Endogenous pacemakers and Exogenous zeitgebers pp. 50-1	Pack A set 2
Week 5 22 Sept	Biopsychology Infradian and Ultradian rhythms Endogenous pacemakers and Exogenous zeitgebers	Make notes on: Localisation of function in the brain pp. 38-9 Spiral Homework 1	
Week 6 29 Sept	Biopsychology Localisation of function in the brain MARKING EXERCISE	Make notes on: Plasticity/functional recovery of the brain after trauma pp.42-3 Split-brain research/ Lateralisation pp. 40-1	Pack A set 3 16 M in pack
Week 7 06 Oct	Biopsychology Plasticity and functional recovery of the brain after trauma Split-brain research/Lateralisation of function	Revise research methods you learnt in Year 1 (checklist on pp. 62) Make notes on: Correlations p. 63 Case studies and Content analysis pp. 64-5	Pack A set 4 16 M in pack
Week 8 13 Oct	Issues and Debates Application to Biopsychology Research methods Recap of research methods from Year 1 Correlations Case studies Content and thematic analysis ASSESSMENT 2 – 16 MARKER ON BIOPSYCHOLOGY	Make notes on: Reliability pp. 66-7 Validity pp. 68-9	Pack A set 5 Y1 RM content activities Bio psych mind map

Week 9 20 Oct	Research methods Reliability Validity	Make notes on: Choosing a statistical test pp. 70-1 Probability and significance p. 72 Use of statistical tables; Type I and Type II errors pp. 73 Spiral Homework 2	Consolidation of bio psych content- create revision resources
October half term 24th -03rd			
Week 10 03 Nov	Research methods Choosing a statistical test Probability and significance Use of statistical tables Type I and Type II errors	Familiarise yourself with worked examples of different statistical tests pp. 74-80	Pack 2 set 1 Revision card schedule Paper 2 checklist
Week 11 10 Nov (weds and thurs open evening) Fri- well being	Research methods Practical activities involving the use of statistical tests Writing 12 M answers ASSESSMENT 3 – BIOPSYCHOLOGY (INCL YEAR 1)	Make notes on: Reporting psychological investigations p. 81 Features of science pp. 82-3 Peer review / Implication of psychology for the economy (Y1 Book) pp.202-203	Pack 2 set 2
Week 12 17 Nov	Research methods Reporting psychological investigations Features of science Peer review / Implication of psychology for the economy	Make notes on: Piaget's theory of cognitive development pp. 178-9 Piaget's stages of intellectual development pp. 180-1	Pack 2 set 3 16 M in pack RM mind map
Week 13 24 Nov	Cognitive Development Piaget's theory of cognitive development Piaget's stages of intellectual development	Make notes on: Vygotsky's theory of cognitive development pp.182-3 Baillargeon's explanation of infant abilities pp. 184-5	Pack 2 set 4 16 M in pack
Week 14 01 Dec	Cognitive Development Vygotsky's theory of cognitive development Baillargeon's explanation of infant abilities ASSESSMENT 4 – RESEARCH METHODS 36 MARKER	Make notes on: Selman's work on perspective taking pp. 186-7 Theory of Mind pp. 188-9	RM set A
Week 15 08 Dec	Cognitive Development Selman's work on perspective taking Theory of Mind	Make notes on: The role of mirror neurons pp. 190-1	RM sets B and C 12M in pack

Week 16 15 Dec (3 days)	Cognitive Development The role of mirror neurons	Make notes on: Explaining crime: Atavistic form pp. 326-7	RM set D 12M in pack Consolidation of cognitive content- create revision resources
Christmas holidays 17th -5th			Complete RM booklet and cognitive mind map
Spring term Week 17 05 Jan	Paper 2 Mock exam Forensic Explaining crime: Atavistic form	Make notes on: Eysenck's theory of personality pp.330-1 Genetic and neural explanation pp. 328-9	
Week 18 12 Jan	Forensic Genetic and neural explanations Eysenck's theory of personality	Make notes on: Cognitive explanations pp. 332-3 Differential association theory pp. 334-5	Pack 1 set 1 16 M in pack
Week 19 29 Jan	Cognitive explanations theory Differential association Mock exam feedback	Make notes on: Psychodynamic explanation of crime pp. 336-7	Pack 1 set 2 Paper 1 checklist after mock feedback
Week 20 26 Jan	Forensic Psychodynamic explanation of crime	Make notes on: Top-down approach pp. 322-3 Bottom-up approach pp. 324-5 Custodial sentencing pp 338-9	Pack 1 set 3
Week 21 02 Feb	Forensic Top-down approach Bottom-up approach Custodial sentencing	Mock revision	Pack 1 set 4 16 M in pack

Week 22 09 Feb Yr 11 interviews	Paper 1 Mock exam No lessons	Make notes on: Anger management pp.342-3 Restorative justice programmes pp. 344-5 Behaviour modification in custody pp 340-1	Consolidation of forensic content- create revision resources
February half term 13th- 23rd			
Week 23 23 Feb	Forensic Anger management Behaviour modification in custody Mock feedback	Make notes on: Diagnosis and classification of schizophrenia pp. 202-3	Pack 3 set 2 Paper 3 checklist Complete forensic mindmap
Week 24 02 Mar	Restorative justice programmes Schizophrenia Diagnosis and classification MARKING EXERCISE	Make notes on: Biological explanations pp. 204-5 Biological therapies pp.208-9	Pack 3 set 2
Week 25 9 Mar Brain day Weds 11th	Schizophrenia Biological explanations Biological therapies ASSESSMENT 5 – 16 MARKER ON COGNITION & DEVELOPMENT	Make notes on: Psychological explanations pp.206-7 Psychological therapies pp.210-11 Spiral homework 3	Pack 3 set 4 16 M in pack
Week 26 16 Mar	Schizophrenia Psychological explanations Psychological therapies	Make notes on: Token economies for schizophrenia pp. 212-3 The interactionist approach pp.214-5	Pack 3 set 5 16 M in pack
Week 27 23 Mar No lessons Friday	Schizophrenia Token economies for schizophrenia Paper 3 Mock exam- all but schizophrenia, C block to do week before	Revision	
Easter holidays 26th- 13th			

Week 28	The interactionist approach Mock feedback and schizophrenia topic	Revision	Complete schizophrenia mind map
Week 29	Revision	Revision	Consolidation of schizophrenia content- create revision resources
Week 30	Revision	Revision	
Week 31 Bank hol mon	Revision	Revision	
Week 32	Revision	Revision	
Study leave			