

Term	Topic(s)	Assessed work	Additional details
1 a 7 weeks 42 lessons	<p>Issues and Debates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and culture in Psychology – universality and bias. Gender bias including androcentrism and alpha and beta bias; cultural bias, including ethnocentrism and cultural relativism. • Free will and determinism • The nature-nurture debate • Holism and reductionism • Idiographic and nomothetic approaches to psychological investigation. • Ethical implications of research studies and theory, including reference to social sensitivity. 	Mixed range of short answer and extended writing questions based on this topic	Aqa psychology revision guide by Cara Flanagan
1b 7 weeks 42 lessons	<p>Schizophrenia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification of schizophrenia. • Biological explanations for schizophrenia: genetics and neural correlates, including the dopamine hypothesis. • Psychological explanations for schizophrenia • Drug therapy • Cognitive behaviour therapy and family therapy • The importance of an interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia; the diathesis-stress model. 	Mixed range of short answer and extended writing questions based on this topic	
2a 7 weeks 42 lessons	<p>Cognition and Development</p> <p>Piaget’s theory of cognitive development: schemas, assimilation, accommodation, equilibration, stages of intellectual development. Characteristics of these stages, including object permanence, conservation, egocentrism and class inclusion.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vygotsky’s theory of cognitive development • Baillargeon’s explanation of early infant abilities • The development of social cognition 	<p>8/11/21 –mock exams begin (no taught curriculum)</p> <p>Students sit two papers: potentially covering all topics explored so far</p>	Students have access to an online digital textbook, which they should use.
2b 5 weeks 35 lessons	<p>Aggression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neural and hormonal mechanisms in aggression, including the roles of the limbic system, serotonin and testosterone. Genetic factors in aggression, including the MAOA gene. • The ethological explanation of aggression, including reference to innate releasing mechanisms and fixed action patterns. Evolutionary explanations of human aggression. • Social psychological explanations of human aggression • Media influences on aggression. 	Mixed range of short answer and extended writing questions based on this topic	
3a 5 weeks 35 lessons	Revision	Exams	