

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