A level Psychology Learning Journey 2026-28

KLB

Ms Reynolds content in black
Mrs Landeg in red – this will be taught alongside Ms Reynolds content but will take longer.
Assessment points green

Go to university to enhance your studies and get a degree

Start a degree level apprenticeship

Continue your lifelong love of learning and personal development

Take a gap year, travel the world and embrace new cultures

Consider summer internship and voluntary work to enhance your learning

Revise for and sit public A level examinations in Psychology

Paper 3: Issues & Debates, Schizophrenia, Relationships and Forensic Psychology

Paper 2: Biopsychology, Approaches, Research Methods

Paper 1: Social Influence, Memory, Attachment & Psychopathology

Research Methods: Probability & Significance

Research Methods: Inferential statistical testing

Year 2 to A level exams

Research Methods: Type 1/Type 2 errors

Research Methods: Reporting psychological investigations

Research Methods: Levels of measurement

Research Methods: Features of science & theory construction

Biopsychology: Plasticity & trauma recovery
Timed essay

Biopsychology: Localisation of function

Biopsych: Hemi lat and split brain

Biopsych – revision of Year 1 content
Exam questions

Year 2 to Christmas

Biopsychology: Ways of studying the brain

Issues & Debates: Determinism & Nature/Nurture debate
Timed essay

Issues & Debates: Socially sensitive research

Research Methods: Ethical guidelines, peer review & impact on economy.
Exam Q's

Research Methods: Distributions & sign test

Research methods – Bath trip and write up
PRESENTATION

Research Methods: Quantitative & qualitative data Exam Q's

Biopsychology: Biological rhythms & effect on sleep/wake cycle
End of unit assessment

Issues & Debates: Gender & cultural bias

Issues & Debates: Reductionism & idiographic/nomothetic approaches
Timed essays

Forensic Psychology: Dealing with offender behaviour
Timed essay's and plans

Forensic Psychology: Biological explanations of offending behaviour

Forensic Psychology: Psychological explanations of offender behaviour
End of unit test

Forensic Psychology: Offender profiling

Relationships – Theories of romantic relationships

Relationships: Online and parasocial
End of unit test

Relationships: Theories to Ducks phase model

Relationships: Factors affecting relationships
Timed essay and essay plans

MOCK EXAMS – start 3rd Feb

Year 2 to Easter

Schizophrenia: Interactionist approach & diathesis-stress model

Schizophrenia: Psychological explanations

Schizophrenia: CBT, Token economies & family therapy
Timed essay

Schizophrenia: Drug therapies (Anti-psychotics)

Schizophrenia: Classification, diagnosis, validity & reliability

Schizophrenia: Biological explanations

Research Methods: Reliability & validity

Research Methods: Content analysis,& Case studies

Yr 12 MOCK EXAMS – start 12th May

Year 1 to Summer holidays

CP and Mental health: Biological approach to explaining & treating OCD

CP and Mental health: Cognitive approach to explaining & treating depression

CP and Mental health Behavioural approach to explaining & treating phobias
Essay and exam Q's

CP and Mental health: Definitions of abnormality

Characteristics of depression, phobias & OCD

Memory: Factors affecting EWT

Memory: Improving EWT
Exam questions and Test

Memory: Explanations for forgetting.

Research Methods: Observational techniques TEST

RM - Correlations

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Entry opens late May

Approaches: Biological approaches and Yr 1 Biopsych
Exam Q's

Approaches: Humanistic approach

Approaches: Cognitive approach Timed essay

Approaches: Behaviourist SLT

Approaches : Psychodynamic
End of unit test

Year 1 To Easter

Attachment: early attachment on later relationships.
End of unit test

Attachment: Types and cultural variations

Attachment: Maternal deprivation and Institutionalisation

Attachment: Theories – Learning and Bowlby
Timed essay

Attachment : Animal studies

Memory: C, C, and D and MSM

Memory: The MSM
Timed essay

RM – Sampling Ethics Etc.

Memory: The working memory model.
Timed essay

Social Influence: Minority Influence: Moscovici's research

Social Influence: Situational & Dispositional explanations

Social Influence: Conformity to Social Roles: Zimbardo's research

Welcome

Year 1 To Christmas

Research Methods: Experimental design, variables & demand characteristics

Social Influence: Social change processes.
End of unit test

Social Influence: Obedience : Milgram's research
Timed essay

Social Influence: Explanations for conformity and Asch