

KS5 Year 12 Assessment Plan

Subject: KS5 Psychology

Edexcel Psychology [Edexcel AS and A level Psychology 2015 | Pearson qualifications](#)

Curriculum Intent: We aim to foster a curriculum that sparks curiosity and relates psychological concepts to real-world scenarios, encouraging students to see the practical applications of their learning. We prioritise the development of critical thinking skills, enabling students to analyse, evaluate and synthesise information, fostering a deeper understanding of psychological principles. We strive to reflect in our curriculum a diversity of perspectives within the field of psychology, promoting an inclusive learning environment that acknowledges and values different voices and experiences, and acknowledging when theory and research lacks inclusivity of race, culture and gender.

The curriculum integrates practical, hands-on experiences and case studies that allow students to apply theoretical knowledge, bridging the gap between theory and practice. It lends itself also to holistic well-being by incorporating elements that address mental health and well-being, fostering a supportive environment for students to understand and navigate their own psychological health.

We place emphasise research skills and methodologies, empowering students to design and conduct psychological inquiries, fostering a foundation for evidence-based thinking. This is underscored with collaborative learning and effective communication skills, recognising the importance of interpersonal skills in the field of psychology. The foundation of our intent is that, by delivering an enriching and impactful psychology curriculum, students will be better prepared for the world of work, having honed skills and self-awareness that allow them to be the best version of themselves.

Component
Paper 1: Foundations in Psychology Topics Covered: Social Psychology Cognitive Psychology Biological Psychology Learning Theories Assessment: Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes 35% of the total qualification

Assessment Calendar

Term	Assessments (Please hyperlink with assessment and mark scheme)	Which component of the qualification is this assessing?	Grade boundaries
Autumn half term 1	Summer homework quizzes	Paper 1	2026 grade boundaries adjusted for content not yet taught
Autumn half term 2	Social Psychology test Cognitive Psychology test	Paper 1	
Spring half term 1	End of unit test – Cognitive Psychology End of unit test – Social Psychology	Paper 1	
Spring half term 2			
Summer half term 1			
Summer half term 2	PPE – full paper 1 PPE – Paper 2 adapted	Paper 1: Foundations in Psychology Social Psychology Cognitive Psychology Biological Psychology Learning Theories Issues and Debates Adapted paper 2: Research Methods (Paper 3 component) Practical studies	

PR Points

Progress Review Point	Which assessments count towards the WAG?	Weighting
PR1	Summer homework assessment Social test Cognitive test	10% 45% 45%
PR2	Social and Cognitive end of unit tests PR1	90% 10%
PR3	PPE Paper 1 PPE Paper 2	80% 20%