



# EXAM CHANGES 2022

**GCSE Psychology**

**Exam Board: AQA**

## **SUMMARY OF ADAPTATIONS**

- Student will be provided with a list of topics that will be assessed in each exam.

## **HOW THE SCHOOL IS USING THIS INFORMATION**

- Practice and PPE exams will be adapted to reflect summer 2022 exams.
- Intervention sessions will focus on the topics for each paper.
- Teaching will focus on the application of these topics, completing exam style questions that would reflect the exam in Summer 2022
- Students will have a copy of the topic list in their folders.
- Revision will be focussed on specific topics for each paper.

## **WHAT STUDENTS SHOULD DO**

- Ensure that they have a copy of the revision topic list and this is used during revision.
- Use the list of topics for each paper to identify areas of strength and weakness.
- Revise the areas identified as an area of weakness – but do not neglect revising topics that are a strength.
- Attend intervention sessions, revision will be focused on the specific exam topics.
- As part of your revision, complete model 9m answers for the topics provided, ensure these areas are highlighted in your textbook and revision guide
- Continue to revise in detail ALL of **Research Methods, Development and Social Influence** – there will be no revision list provided for these topics.

# Psychology GCSE PAPER 1 – TOPIC LIST

<b>Memory</b>	
Types of Memory	Episodic, Semantic and Procedural
Murdock's Serial Position Curve	
The Theory of Reconstructive Memory	
Factors affecting the Accuracy of EWT	Including interference, context and false memories
<b>Perception</b>	
Monocular Depth Cues	Height in plane, relative size, occlusion and linear perspective
Binocular Depth Cues	Retinal disparity, convergence
Gregory's constructivist theory of perception	
Gilchrist and Nesberg study of Motivation	
Bruner and Minturn study of perceptual set	
<b>Development</b>	
ADVANCE INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED	
<b>Research Methods</b>	
ADVANCE INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED	

\*Research Methods could be assessed in each Paper and students are not provided with any Topic content\*

# Psychology GCSE PAPER 2 – TOPIC LIST

## Social Influence

ADVANCE INFORMATION NOT PROVIDED

## Language, Thought and Communication

Limited functions of animal communications

Von Frisch's Bee Study

Definitions of non verbal communication and verbal communication

Darwins evolutionary theory of non verbal communication

Evidence that non verbal communication is learned – Yuki's study of emoticons

## Brain and Neuropsychology

The Autonomic Nervous System	The Fight or Flight Response
	The James Lange Theory of emotion
Neurons	Sensory, Relay and Motor Neurons
	Synaptic Transmission
	Excitation and Inhibition
Brain Structure	Frontal lobe, Temporal lobe, parietal lobe, occipital lobe and cerebellum
Localisation of function in the brain	Motor, Somatosensory, visual, auditory and language areas
Penfields study of the Interpretative Cortex	
Scanning Techniques	CT, PET, fMRI scans
<b>Psychological Problems</b>	
Characteristics of mental health	Positive engagement with society, effective coping with challenges
Psychological Explanations of Psychological Problems	Negative Schemas and attributions
Aversion Therapy	
Self Management Programmes	Self help groups, 12 step recovery programmes
How reductionist and holistic perspectives improve mental health	

\*Research Methods could be assessed in each Paper and students are not provided with any Topic content\*