Psychology KS5 Curriculum Map 2025/26

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
12	Topic: Attachment Animal studies (Lorenz & Harlow) Explanations of attachment: Learning theory explanations & Bowlby's monotropic theory Ainsworth's Strange Situation and types of attachment Cultural variations in attachment Bowlby's maternal deprivation hypothesis and the effects of institutionalisation Influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships Topic: Memory Coding, capacity, duration Multi Store Model (MSM) Working Memory Model (WMM) Forgetting Factors affecting EWT including the Cognitive Interview		Topic: Social Influence Conformity (types & explanations) Conformity - Asch Obedience - Milgram Obedience - Sit variables Obedience - Psych factors Resistance to social influence Minority influence Research Methods Section 9-10	Topic Clinical Psychology & Mental Health Definitions of Mental Health Characteristics of phobias Characteristics of depression Characteristics of OCD Phobias (behaviourist explanations and treatments) Depression (cognitive explanations and treatments) OCD (biological explanations and treatments) Research Methods Section 11-12	Topic 2: Approaches Behaviourism Social Learning Theory Cognitive approach Biological approach Psychodynamic approach Humanistic approach Comparison of approaches Research Methods Section 13-17	Topic: Biopsychology (Part 1) Nervous system Neurons and synaptic transmission Endocrine system Fight or flight response Ways of measuring the brain Localisation of Function Revision for Mock Exams
13	Topic: Biopsychology (Part 2) Hemispheric lateralisation (including split brain research) Plasticity and functional recovery Research Methods Sections 19-22	Topic: Issues and Debates Gender & culture (Universality and bias) Free will and determinism Nature vs nurture Holism and reductionism Idiographic and nomothetic approaches Social Sensitivity in research Revision for Mock exams	Topic: Relationships Factors affecting attraction (self-disclosure, physical attractiveness, filter theory, similarity in attitudes) Theories of romantic relationships (social exchange theory, equity theory, Rusbult's investment model) Online relationships Duck's theory of relationship breakdown Parasocial relationships	Topic: Schizophrenia Positive & Negative symptoms Issues with Diagnosis Biological explanations & treatments Psychological explanations & treatments The interactionist explanation & treatments	Topic: Forensic psychology Offender profiling Biological explanations (genetic, neural) Psychological explanations (Esenck's personality theory, cognitive, differential association theory) Dealing with offending behaviour (custodial sentencing, behaviour modification, anger management, restorative justice)	Revision for public exams