



# PSYCHOLOGY CURRICULUM MAP

**BIG IDEAS:** We aim to develop students' understanding of the scientific nature of psychology. We want them to be able to conduct scientific research and to be able to analyse critically any psychological research studies and theories they encounter in terms of validity and reliability. They will do this with an awareness of ethical issues when conducting psychological research. Our students will be able to discuss the different approaches within psychology and how each of these approaches would explain aspects of human behaviour. Our students will be able to apply their psychological knowledge to understand and improve the lives of individuals and society as a whole. They will develop the ability to write scientific essays and research reports. In addition, they will develop numerical skills in their study of data analysis.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
<b>Wider curriculum</b>						Magical Senses - Activities Week
<b>Year 12</b>	Introduction to research methods.  Psychopathology - including introduction to psychological approaches.	Cognitive Psychology - Memory.  Research methods in psychology.  Psychopathology - including introduction to psychological approaches. Developmental Psychology - Attachment.	Approaches in psychology.  Research methods in psychology.  Developmental Psychology - Attachment.	Approaches in psychology.  Research methods in psychology.  Developmental Psychology - Attachment.	Social Psychology - Social Influence.  Research methods in psychology.  Biopsychology.	Social Psychology - Social Influence.  Research methods in psychology.  Biopsychology.
<b>Year 13</b>	Issues and debates in psychology.  Research methods in psychology. Biopsychology.	Issues and debates in psychology. Comparison of approaches in psychology.  Research methods in psychology. Topics in psychology - Schizophrenia	Topics in psychology - Aggression.  Research methods in psychology. Topics in psychology - Gender	Topics in psychology - Gender.  Research methods in psychology. Revision	Revision and examination	
<b>Wider Super Curriculum</b>	Information and resources available on firefly					