# GCSE 2009 Psychology

## How does your candidates' journey through the new GCSE 2009 Psychology differ to that taken through the old specification?

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| **Modular -** | greater flexibility in sitting exams when your students are ready and opportunities to improve at a later stage |
| **Resits -** | only one resit opportunity for each unit is available |
| **Terminal requirement -** | at least 40% of the entire GCSE must be completed at the end of the course - this means for GCSE Psychology full course (2PS01) at least two units must be taken in the final examination session. |
| **Uniform Mark Scale -** | candidates' best marks are stored for aggregation at the end of the course, ensuring their best performance is awarded, however the scores for the units being used to satisfy the terminal rule will be used even if they are lower than those held in the bank |
| **The GCSE standard -** | all units are assessed at the GCSE standard in whichever exam series they are offered |

**Below are examples of how your candidates' experience of the new specification might differ to that of the old**

Please note: this example is not a recommendation of how the course should be sat or the number of hours required to deliver the course but an example of one of the ways that the qualification may be approached. There mat be alternative ways to approach the qualification.

### Old GCSE Psychology (1989)

| | JUNE → | weightings % | Mode | Max Sbj. Mark | |
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| ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS → | | | | | |
| Paper 1 Foundation Tier. Social, Behavioural and Developmental Psychology | | 40 | Exam | | Overall grade |
| Paper 2 Foundation Tier. Individual Differentiation, Cognitive Psychology and Bio-psychology. | | 40 | Exam | 100 | |
| Paper 3. Coursework | | 20 | Cwrk | | |

### New GCSE 2009: Psychology (2PS01)

| Unit availability | | | | | | | |
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| JAN → | JUNE → | JAN → | JUNE → | | | | |
| 5PS01 | 5PS01;5PS02 | 5PS01 | 5PS01;5PS02 | weightings % | Mode | Max UMS Mark | |
| ACQUIRING GCSE SKILLS → | | | | | | | |
| 5PS01 Perception and Dreaming | | RESIT | | 40 | Exam | 80 | Overall grade |
| | | 5PS02 Social and Biological Debates | | 60 | Exam | 120 | |

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