

WHOLE YEAR CURRICULUM OVERVIEW



KS5: PSYCHOLOGY - YEAR 12. YEAR 1.

Curriculum Overview: PSYCHOLOGY Year 12

Colour coding- Teacher 1: 6 x hours per fortnight. Teacher 2: 4 x hours per fortnight

Rationale: Psychology is a linear qualification, students will sit all the AS exams at the end of their AS course and all the A-level exams at the end of their A-level course. Year 1 consists of 2 x papers, with 6 topics overall for the year. Each teacher is responsible for teaching their own topics but joint responsibility for each paper. The Main teacher teaches 2 x topics on paper 1 and 2 x topics on paper 2. The secondary teacher delivers 1 x topic on paper 1, 1 x topic on paper 2 (based on specialist knowledge on the department ie sociology teachers take social unit). Extended essays are worth 12 marks at AS, (students use 4 x PEE evaluation), but students must be taught for up to 16 marks work of content for the specification areas throughout from the very start. Topics of Social, Memory, Attachment and Psychopathology- content is exactly the same at full A Level however the topics of approaches and research Methods have more content to learn for year 2 which are covered in the 'Add on' booklets in the the year 2 Scheme of learning.

Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology- 1. Social influence, 2. Memory, 3 Attachment

Paper 2: Psychology in Context- 4 Approaches in Psychology, 5 Psychopathology, 6 Research methods

Note: Research Methods is taught from the very beginning to support all topic content as this is worth 25% overall for the whole exam. Research Methods questions are asked across all topics of the papers

Term / Length Teacher of Unit	Basic outline of topic to be covered Specification/Knowledge end points	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	Assessment Objectives and Skills
Y12 Autumn Term 1 Teacher 1: 6 hours per fortnight	Introduction to the course- see lesson by lesson SOL documents. Collect in Summer projects. Exercise book 1 main teacher- Memory front of book, RM back of book. Also FAR/Assessment folder for main teacher. Topics to be taught alongside each other – suggested 4 hours Memory, 2 hours RM over the 2 week timetable Memory topic: Students should demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: 1. What is Memory? Nature of memory- features of memory stores 2. The multi-store model of memory 3. The Working Memory Model 4. Types of long-term memory Research Methods Topic: Students should demonstrate knowledge and understanding of research methods, scientific processes and techniques of data handling and analysis. Strengths and limitations need to be considered in places also. Topics sections to be covered this half term: 1. Research Methods 2. Scientific Processes (continued after half term)	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed worksheets to check understanding - online digital textbook bundle. Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area listed. Students store this in their assessment folders End/mid topic knowledge tests/timed essays. PPEs in Jan/Feb	Writing and self- assessment tasks- Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed for Memory Creation of independent section Memory- Explanations of forgetting booklet Past Q booklet practice for research Methods	MEMORY BOOKLETS - light pink RM BOOKLET- orange Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and in Teachers folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file	-Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts theories, research studies, in relation to the topic of Memory & Social Influence AO1 -Apply psychological knowledge and understanding the topic in a range of contexts in Memory & Social Influence AO2 -Analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies in relation to the topic of Memor & Social Influence AO3 -Knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills will be assessed in both topics





Term / Length	Teacher	Basic outline of topic to be covered- Specification/Knowledge	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	. Other skills: -Use of subject specific language/scientific		
Y12 Autumn Term 1	Teacher 2: 4 x hours per fortnight	Set up exercise book 1 for secondary teacher. Also FAR/Assessment folder for secondary teacher Social influence 1.Types of conformity 2.Explanations for Conformity 3. Variables affecting conformity 4. Conformity to social roles Obedience 5. Obedience research- Milgram- situational variables-Explanations for obedience	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed worksheets to check understanding - online digital textbook bundle. Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area listed. Students store this in their assessment folders-Mrs Savage. End/mid topic knowledge tests/timed essays. PPEs in Jan/Feb	Writing tasks- Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed for Social Influence	SOCIAL INFLUENCE BOOKLETS- light blue colour Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file	terminology -Reading/ assessing material -Formulating & answering relevant questions -Independent learning skills -Note making -Flipped classroom -Compare and contrast -Reflection skills on participation in psychological demonstrations/ -Describe the main features of research studies, explanations, theories - Evaluate research evidence/ explanations and theories. Use of evidence to evaluate. Strengths and limitations Research skills, practical research skills and presentation skills -Ethical and research methodical evaluation of research studies -Implications of psychological research - Critical thinking skills -Summarising key points and presenting to class - Problem solving/using understanding of theory and research findings - Reflection, self assessment and critical appraisal -Analytic skills -Discussion skills -Discussion skills -Developing lines of argument - Essay writing - Exam technique - Time management - Decision making - QWC		
HALF TERM	ALF students are set an independent project for the topic of Memory by the main teacher to complete over the nair term holiday on Explanations of forgetting. This is reviewed in lesson during the first week back							





Term / Length of Unit	Teacher	Basic outline of topic to be covered- Specification/Knowledge	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	Assessment Objectives and Skills
utumn Term 2	Teacher 1: 6 x hours per fortnight	Memory topic (continued): 5. Explanations for forgetting: 6. Factors affecting the accuracy of EWT -Misleading information -Anxiety 7. Improving accuracy of EWT- the Cognitive Interview. Research Methods Topic- sections: 2. Scientific Processes (continued from prior to half term 3. Data handling and Analysis See the specification (completed fully by students themselves over the Christmas holidays as 'Independent project'.	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed worksheets to check understanding - online digital textbook bundle. Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area listed. Students store this in their assessment folders-Mrs Campbell-Birch End/mid topic knowledge tests/timed essays. PPEs in Jan/Feb	Writing and self- assessment tasks- Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed for Memory Creation of Research Methods independent booklet section 3. Past Q booklet practice for research Methods	MEMORY BOOKLETS RM BOOKLETS Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and Teachers folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file	Students will be expected to: -Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, in relation to the topic of Memory & Social Influence AO1 -Apply psychological knowledge and understanding the topic in a range of contexts in Memory & Social Influence AO2 -Analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies in relation to the topic of Memory & Social Influence AO3 -Knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills will be assessed in both topics. Other skills: -Use of subject specific language/scientific terminology -Reading/ assessing material -Formulating & answering relevant questions -Independent learning skills -Note making. Flipped classroom
Yr 12 Aut	Teacher 2: 4x hours per fortnight	 Social influence (continued) 6. Explanations for obedience- social psychological factors 7. Explanations for obedience- dispositional factors 8. Explanations of resistance to social influence. 9. Minority influence 10. The role of social influence processes in social change. 	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities. Completed worksheets to check understanding Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area listed. Students store this in assessment folders-SG End/mid topic knowledge tests/timed essays. PPEs in Feb	Writing tasks- Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed for Memory	SOCIAL INFLUENCE BOOKLETS Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and Teachers folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file	-Compare and contrast -Reflection skills on participation in psychological demonstrations - Mathematical skills - Research skills, practical research skills and presentation skills -Implications of psychological research - Critical thinking skills -Summarising key points and presenting to class - Problem solving/using understanding of theory and research findings - Reflection, self assessment and critical appraisal -Analytic skills -Group work skills -Discussion skills -Discussion skills -Developing lines of argument - Essay writing - Exam technique - Time management
END OF TERM	Christmas I	holidays- Students are set an 'Independent project' to create and comp during the first week back. Set some revisio				g and Analysis'. This is reviewed in lesson





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Attachment Topic: I.Introduction to the topic- What is attachment? 2. Explanations of attachment Bowlby's monotropic theory 3. Explanations of attachment- Learning theory 4. Animal studies of attachment 5. Alnsworth's 'Strange Situation'. Types of attachment 6. Cultural Variations in attachments 7. Caregiver-infant interactions in humans 8. Stages of attachment 9. Multiple attachments and the role of the father. 10. Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation. 11. Romanian orphan studies: effects of institutionalisation. 12. The influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships Students have an independent section to complete- on Caregiver-infant interactions in humans & Stages of attachment sar home learning Students have an independent section to complete- on Caregiver-infant interactions in humans & Stages of attachment sar home learning	nowledge and of psychological concepts, the studies, in relation to tachment & Approaches origical knowledge and the topic in a range of topics of Attachment & O2 ret and evaluate oncepts, theories, research on to the topics of approaches AO3 di understanding of ds, practical research skills that skills will be assessed in asswering questions arning skills om contrast on participation in the emonstrations/ain features of research tions, theories of evidence of evaluate. The practical research skills are of evidence to evaluate. The practical research skills arch methodical







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		Psychopathology Topic:	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed	Writing and self- assessment tasks- Completion of AQA	PSYCHOPAT HOLOGY BOOKLETS-	Students will be expected to: -Demonstrate knowledge and
	night	1.Definitions of abnormality	worksheets to check understanding - online	past questions	Purple colour	understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, in relation to
Term 1 & 2	Teacher 2: 4x hours per fortnight	 2.The behavioural, emotional and cognitive characteristics of phobias, depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). 3.The behavioural approach to explaining phobias: the two-process model, 4. The cognitive approach to explaining depression: Beck's negative triad and Ellis's ABC model; 5. The biological approach to explaining and treating OCD: genetic and neural explanations; 6. The behavioural approach to treating phobias- systematic desensitiation and flooding 	digital textbook bundle. Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area listed. Students store this in their assessment folders-Mrs Savage End/mid topic knowledge tests/timed essays.	book bundle. handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed for Psychopathology or each area listed. Tore this in ment folders-pic tests/timed book bundle. handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Creation of independent section One approach therapies- set during the topic. Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD understanding the topic in contexts in the topics of Psychopathological kno understanding the topic in contexts in the topics of Psychopathological kno understanding the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology & Approaches AO2 -Analyse, interpret and expsychological concepts, the studies in relation to the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology & Approaches AO2 -Analyse, interpret and expsychological concepts, the studies in relation to the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology & Approaches AO2 -Analyse, interpret and expsychological concepts, the studies in relation to the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology & Approaches AO2 -Analyse, interpret and expsychological concepts, the studies in relation to the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology & Approaches AO2 -Analyse, interpret and expsychological concepts, the studies in relation to the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology & Approaches AO2 -Analyse, interpret and expsychological concepts, the studies in relation to the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & psychopathology and in Teachers file/ folder -Apply psychological kno understanding the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder -Apply psychological kno understanding the topic in folder and in Teachers file/ folder -Analyse, interpret and expsyc	the topics of Psychopathology & Approaches AO1 -Apply psychological knowledge and understanding the topic in a range of contexts in the topics of Psychopathology	
ng T		7. The cognitive approach to treating depression- CBT x 28. The Biological approach to treating OCD- Drug therapies	Control of the contro	Past Q booklet practice for research Methods		Other skills: As stated above
Spring	× hours per fortnight	Approaches in Psychology (continued)	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed	Writing tasks- Completion of AQA past questions	APPROACHE S BOOKLET peach/cream	
12	er for	6. Biopsychology section AO1 only	worksheets to check understanding - online	'Student friendly handouts' for each	colour	
۲	ours p	- The divisions of the nervous system	digital textbook bundle.	specification area set after each lesson	Copy of the full schemes	
	6 × hc	-The structure and function of sensory, relay and motor neurons.	Final: Completion of AQA past questions	content completed for Approaches	of learning with HOD	
	<u></u>	-The process of synaptic Transmission	'Student friendly handouts' for each	Creation of	in folder and in Teachers	
	er	-The function of the endocrine system	specification area listed. Students store this in	independent section- Bio	file/ folder	
	Teacher	-The fight or flight response	their assessment folders- Mrs Savage End/mid topic knowledge tests/timed questions.	Psychology	Full PPTS & worksheets on file	





EASTER HOLIDAYS- Students to have the opportunity to attend revision sessions during the holiday. Students to complete 'independent section for Psychopathology' on one approach – therapies- if this has not already been done. This ideally should be set before the holiday for Home learning							
Teacher	Basic outline of topic to be covered- Specification/Knowledge	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	Assessment Objectives and Skills		
Teacher 2: 4 x hours per fortnight Teacher 1: 6 x hours per fortnight	Ideally all content is taught before the Easter holiday to allow sufficient time to start revision in lesson. However, sometimes the final section of Psychopathology Therapies may run over into this because of PPE interference with class time- if this is the case a maximum of 1-2 weeks only on content can be used in this time if needed. All Psychopathology must be finished by this point. Consolidation & Revision on topics: 1. Memory 2. Research Methods 3. Attachment 4. Psychopathology Consolidation & revision on topics: 1. Social Influence 2. Approaches	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed worksheets to check understanding - online digital textbook bundle. Revision tool evidence Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts'/Practice papers knowledge tests/timed work Real life AQA examination Progress: See PPTs- class activities every lesson. Completed worksheet check understanding – online digital textbook bundle. Revision tool evidence Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts/practice papers. knowledge tests/timed work Real life AQA	Writing past Q, selfassessment, reflection tasks and checklists Revision tool evidence from students – teacher to check Writing past Q, selfassessment, reflection tasks and checklists Revision tool evidence from students – teacher to check	ALL BOOKLETS COMPLETED Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file ALL BOOKLETS Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file	Students will be expected to: -Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, in relation to all topics of AS Year 1 Psychology AO1 -Apply psychological knowledge and understanding the topic in a range of contexts in relation to all of AS Year 1 Psychology AO2 -Analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies in relation to all topics of Year 1 AS Psychology AO3 -Knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills will be assessed through all topics of year 1 AS Psychology Other skills: -Independent learning skills -Note making -Reflection skills - Critical thinking skills - Summarising - Reflection, self assessment and critical appraisal - Revision strategies and skills - Developing lines of argument - Consolidating and strengthening knowledge and understanding, analysis, application, evaluation - Essay writing - Exam technique - Time management - Decision making - Posing and responding to questions		
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MAY HALF TERM			EXAMINATION PERIOD			
Term / Length of Unit	Teacher	Basic outline of topic to be covered- Specification/Knowledge	Assessment	Home Learning	Resources	Assessment Objectives and Skills
Y12 Summer Term 2	Teacher 1: 6 x hours per fortnight	First week whilst examinations still on students to complete Research Methods practical activities. See resources. NEW Year 2 Psychology exercise book 1- Front of book-Approaches Year 2. RM back of book. New year 2 FAR/Assessment folder Year 2 Psychology content- Approaches- 'Add on' booklet 1 x lesson- Introduction to year 2 Psychology- set up new topic and resources. Approaches 1. The Psychodynamic Approach in Psychology 2. The Humanistic Approach in Psychology 3. Comparison of Approaches in Psychology Year 2 Psychology content — Research Methods- 'Add on' booklet 1 x lesson - Introduction to Year 2 Research Methods- review Year 1 RM content 1. Features of a Science: objectivity and the empirical method; replicability and falsifiability; theory construction and hypothesis testing; paradigms and paradigm shifts. 2. Reliability- what is it? How to assess reliability- Test retest and interobserver. How to improve reliability across all research methods 3. Validity- what is it? How to assess validity — face validity and concurrent validity. How to improve validity across all research methods	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed worksheets to check understanding - online digital textbook bundle. Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area listed. Students store this in their NEW YEAR 2 assessment folders- Mrs Campbell-Birch End/mid topic knowledge tests	Writing and self- assessment tasks- Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed for Approaches and Research Methods Table created for comparison of approaches	'ADD ON' YEAR 2 APPROACH BOOKLET- peach/cream colour 'ADD ON YEAR 2 RESEARCH METHODS BOOKLET' Orange colour Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file	-Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, in relation to the topic of Memory & Social Influence AO1 -Apply psychological knowledge and understanding the topic in a range of contexts in Memory & Social Influence AO2 -Analyse, interpret and evaluate psychological concepts, theories, research studies in relation to the topic of Memory & Social Influence AO3 -Knowledge and understanding of research methods, practical research skills and mathematical skills will be assessed in both topics. Other skills: -Use of subject specific language/scientific terminology -Reading/ assessing material -Formulating & answering relevant questions -Independent learning skills -Note making -Flipped classroom -Compare and contrast





Yr 12 Summer term 2	Teacher 2: 4 x hours per fortnight	Use new Year 2 exercise book. Year 2 Psychology content – Research Methods- 'Add on' booklet 1.Case studies 2.Content analysis and coding. Also include Thematic Analysis 3.Reporting Psychological Investigations. Sections of a scientific report: abstract, introduction, method, results, discussion and referencing.	Progress: See PPTs- in class activities every lesson. Completed worksheets to check understanding - online digital textbook bundle. Final: Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area listed. Students store this in FAR assessment folder End/mid topic knowledge tests/timed essays.	Writing and self- assessment tasks- Completion of AQA past questions 'Student friendly handouts' for each specification area set after each lesson content completed research methods	'ADD ON YEAR 2 RESEARCH METHODS BOOKLET' Orange colour Copy of the full schemes of learning with HOD in folder and in Teachers file/ folder Full PPTS & worksheets on file	-Reflection skills on participation in psychological demonstrations/ -Describe the main features of research studies, explanations, theories - Evaluate research evidence/ explanations and theories. Use of evidence to evaluate. Strengths and limitations. - Research skills, practical research skills and presentation skills -Ethical and research methodical evaluation of research studies -Implications of psychological research - Critical thinking skills -Summarising key points and presenting to class - Problem solving/using understanding of theory and research findings - Reflection, self assessment and critical appraisal -Analytic skills -Discussion skills -Discussion skills -Developing lines of argument - Essay writing - Exam technique - Time management - Decision making - QWC
END OF TERM SUMM ER HOLID AYS		By the end of term all year 2 students should have been fully tal Scientific processes. Students should Students are set a "Summer transition" independent project bookle the very start as synoptic lin Students should also review all year 1 material, ensuring they have a content should also take place	be ready to go onto Inference to complete on the topic ks in essays/when they com	of Issues, Debates and A plete the topic towards I safely stored. Consolid	k in the new aca Approaches to su the end of the y ation of the yea	demic year. pport them for this content in year 2 from rear. r 2 new Research Methods and Approaches



