



Overview	In Psychology we offer a diverse, inclusive curriculum which allows students to cover a vast array of topics. Students are provided with engaging and informative lessons which will allow them to develop knowledge of psychological theories and approaches to explain human behaviour. Psychology is a thought provoking subject which will equip students with knowledge that can be applied to everyday life such as how to explain and treat Schizophrenia, an in depth understanding of gender, identifying key issues and debates within Psychology and a firm understanding of research methods applied to a range of topics.
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	Schizophrenia	Gender	Assessment
Autumn Term	<p>Overview of topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Issues with the classification and diagnosis of Schizophrenia ■ Biological explanations of Schizophrenia (genetics, neurochemicals and neural correlates) ■ Psychological explanations of Schizophrenia (family dysfunction and cognitive explanations) ■ Biological treatments (antipsychotics) ■ Psychological treatments (CBT, family therapy and token economy) 	<p>Overview of topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Sex and gender- sex role stereotypes ■ The role of chromosomes and hormone and atypical sex chromosome patterns ■ Cognitive explanations of gender development ■ Psychodynamic explanation of gender development ■ Social learning theory as applies to gender development ■ Atypical gender development and gender dysphoria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Essay question on each sub-topic (half term) ■ November mock paper 2 ■ Half a paper on each topic (1 hour) end of term ■ 16 marker practice ■ Continuous short answer questions throughout booklet ■ Seneca ■ Quizzes ■ Formative questions
	<p>Synoptic Links: Research methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Self report ■ Experiments ■ Interview ■ Links to abnormality (psychopathology) ■ Ethical implications of research ■ Issues and debates ■ Reliability and validity- linked to diagnosis ■ Corelation and causation 	<p>Synoptic Links: Research methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Self-report ■ Ethical implications of research ■ Content analysis ■ Issues and debates ■ Reliability and validity ■ Experiments ■ Observations 	
	<p>Key Skills Taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Debate and discussion ■ Linking to other topics ■ Essay writing skills ■ Application to real life/social implications of research ■ Equality, diversity and inclusion 	<p>Key Skills Taught:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wider implications of research in Psychology ■ Linking to other topics ■ Debate and discussion ■ Empathy ■ Equality, diversity and inclusion 	

	Issues and debates	Aggression	Assessment
Spring Term	<p>Overview of topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gender and culture bias ■ Ethical implications of research including social sensitivity ■ Free will vs determinism ■ Nature vs nurture ■ Holism vs reductionism ■ Idiographic vs nomothetic research 	<p>Overview of topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Neural and hormonal mechanisms in aggression ■ Ethological explanations of aggression ■ Social psychological explanations of aggression ■ Institutional aggression in the context of prisons ■ Media influences on aggression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Essay questions on each sub-topic (half term) ■ Half a paper on each section (end of term- 1 hour) ■ Continuous practice of 16 markers

	Synoptic Links: Research methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Debating ■ Forming clear arguments ■ Links back to issues and debates from previous topics ■ Links to all topics in Psychology 	Synoptic Links: Research methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Observations ■ Design an observation question ■ Exam practice for research methods ■ Interviews ■ Experiments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Short answer question practice in booklets ■ Seneca ■ Quizzes ■ Formative questions
	Key Skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Discussions ■ Linking to the wider specification ■ Presentation ■ Debate skills ■ Teamwork ■ Leadership ■ Essay writing ■ Diversity, equality and inclusion 	Key Skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Essay writing ■ Discussion and debate ■ Diversity equality and inclusion 	

Summer Term	Research Methods / Revision	Revision	Assessment
	Overview of topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Experimental method ■ Observational techniques ■ Self-report techniques ■ Correlations ■ Content and thematic analysis ■ Case studies ■ Scientific processes (aims, design, sampling, control, ethics, demand characteristics, peer review, validity and reliability, implications, features of science, reporting psychological investigations) ■ Data handling and analysis ■ Inferential testing 	Overview of topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Practice of all 3 papers ■ Intervention sessions for LAPs ■ Continuous assessment and exam questions ■ Revisiting topics of difficulty 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Design an experiment exam questions ■ SAQs on research methods ■ Practice papers ■ Continuous short answer questions in booklet ■ 16 mark essays ■ Formative questions ■ Seneca's ■ Quizzes
	Synoptic Links: Research methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Links to core topics in Psychology through use of research methods ■ Ethical implications ■ Issues and debates 	Synoptic Links: Research methods N/A	
	Key Skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Statistical analysis ■ Mathematics ■ Sophistication ■ Exam practice ■ Practical skills 	Key Skills Taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Consolidation ■ Exam practice ■ Timings ■ Tackling barriers to learning 	

Useful Resources for Supporting Your Child at Home: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ app.senecalearning.com/teacher/home ■ www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182/assessment-resources ■ www.tutor2u.net/psychology/store/a-level-psychology-linear-revision-flashcards-core-topics-aqa ■ www.youtube.com/c/PsychBoost ■ www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PokyYvuL7Q&list=PLp8BSCLLWBUCuyMc0-2cHFid4x1xuXoQM ■ illuminate.digital/aqapsych2edy2/ 	Homework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Pre reading (using topic companions) ■ Set assignments on TEAMS ■ Exam/essay practice ■ Practicals/projects
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