



Year 13 Psychology Curriculum Map

Overview	Students further develop critical analysis skills and understand the scientific basis of human behaviour; it often includes in-depth study of research methodology and ethical considerations within the field. The learning of the key issues and debates in psychology enables a deeper insight for the subjects and further develops their evaluation skills. Students have other opportunities to conduct their own research, to prepare for longer research methods exam questions, whereby they are required to design a study as an extended question. Teaching of the content completes half-way through Spring 2. A focused schedule of revision and exam practice is carried out in lessons.					
Year 13	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Biopsychology Issues and debates Approaches	Gender and schizophrenia	Schizophrenia and addiction	Addiction Revision	Revision and exams	Exams
Knowledge	Biopsychology. The hemispheres of the brain. Plasticity and functional recovery. Methods of studying the brain. Biological rhythms. Issues and debates. Comparison of approaches.	Sex and gender. The influence of chromosomes and hormones. Cognitive, psychodynamic and social explanations for gender development. Atypical gender development. Schizophrenia. Classification and diagnosis.	Schizophrenia. Biological and psychosocial explanations. Therapies and treatments. Interactionist explanations. Addiction. Describing addiction. Risk factors	Biological, behavioural and cognitive explanations for nicotine and gambling addiction. Therapies and interventions to treat addiction. Models of behaviour change applied to addiction.		
Skills	AO1 knowledge of key terms and theories. AO2 apply learning AO3 evaluate research evidence and theories	AO1 knowledge of key terms and theories. AO2 apply learning AO3 evaluate research evidence and theories	AO1 knowledge of key terms and theories. AO2 apply learning AO3 evaluate research evidence and theories	AO1 knowledge of key terms and theories. AO2 apply learning AO3 evaluate research evidence and theories	AO1 knowledge of key terms and theories. AO2 apply learning AO3 evaluate research evidence and theories	AO1 knowledge of key terms and theories. AO2 apply learning AO3 evaluate research evidence and theories
Assessment	Topic test Timed essays	Topic test Timed essays	Topic test Timed essays Paper 2 mock	Topic test Independent research Paper 3 mock	Paper 1 mock Exams	Exams