PSYCHOLOGY YEAR 13

AUTUMN 1

Year 2 Approaches- Psychodynamic approach, Humanistic approach, and Biopsychology

Nervous system, neuron, endocrine system, fight or flight, localisation, lateralisation, split brain research, recovery of the brain, ways to study the brain, circadian, ultradian & infradium rhythms, pacemakers and zitgebers.

Prior Learning

Year 1 approaches, fundamental psychological explanations of human behaviour. Biopsychology is new content. Students will continue to develop description, application and evaluations skills.

CAREERS LINKS

Counsellor, mental health nurse, psychotherapist, Human resources, teacher, health psychologist, educational psychologist, forensic psychologist, research roles and many more opportunities.

AUTUMN 2

Issues and Debates

Gender, culture, freewill, determinism, nature nurture debate, holism and reductionism, ideographic and nomothetic, ethical implications.

Research methods

Content analysis, case studies, reliability and validity, features of science, probability, statistical tests, reporting investigations

Prior Learning

New content. Students will continue to develop description, application and evaluations skills.

CHARACTER LINKS

Intellectual, performance and moral virtues.

SPRING 1

Forensic Psychology

Profiling, psychological explanations & dealing with offender behaviour.

Schizophrenia

Classification, diagnosis, psychological explanations and therapy treatment

Prior Learning

New content. Students will continue to develop description, application and evaluations skills.

SPRING 2

Research methods review

Students should demonstrate knowledge and understanding research methods, scientific processes and techniques of data handling and analysis, be familiar with their use and be aware of their strengths and limitations.

Cognitive psychology

Piaget's theory
Vygotsky's theory
Baillargeon's explanation of early infant abilities
The development of social cognition: Selman's levels of perspective-taking

Prior Learning

New content for cognitive. Students will continue to develop description, application and evaluations skills.

KEY ASSESSMENT DATES

Pupils complete assessments in line with the KS5 assessment calendar. Students complete regular end of topic assessments and timed essays.

SUMMER 1

Revision for all topics

Paper 1 = Social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology. Paper 2 = approaches, Biopsychology and research methods. Paper 3= Issues and debates, Schizophrenia, forensic psychology and cognitive psychology.

Prior Learning

Year 12 and 13 content – linear examination