



Psychology Curriculum Learning Journey

Knowledge & Concepts increase students depth/ challenge and build on previous learning where topics are revisited throughout their learning journey

		Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Half Term 1	Topics	Social Influence	Research Methods	The brain and neuropsychology Research Methods	Social Influence / Psychopathology Research Methods / Approaches	Approaches in Psychology / Biopsychology / Research Methods
	Knowledge	Bystander Behaviour Piliavin et al (1969) Factors affecting bystander behaviour Conformity Factors affecting conformity Haney, Banks and Zimbardo (1973)	Memory Year 9 Revision – Key terms, MSM and Amnesia Variables & controlling them Primary & Secondary data Maths Skills 3 Experimental designs	Anatomy of the brain Synapses and neurotransmitters Brain lateralisation Sperry (1968) Research Methods Revision 1	Types of conformity Explanations of conformity Conformity variables Obedience Characteristics of phobias Behavioural explanations & treatments of phobias Biological explanations of OCD Types of experiments Sampling Types of data Ethics Behaviourism Biological	Revision of the approaches Comparison of approaches Divisions of the nervous system The structure and function sensory, relay and motor neurons The process of synaptic transmissions The function of endocrine system The fight or flight response Localisation of function in the brain Hemisphere lateralisation Ways of studying the brain Biological rhythms RM – significance testing, content analysis, types of data & experimental design



	Topics	Social Influence Research Methods	Memory Criminal	The brain and neuropsychology Research Methods	Social Influence / Psychopathology Research Methods / Approaches	Gender
Half Term 2	Knowledge	<p>Obedience Behaviour of Crowds Social & cultural issues</p> <p>Qualitative & quantitative research Questionnaires & Interviews Sampling Maths Skills 1</p>	<p>Reconstructive Memory Bartlett (1932) Reductionism & Holism</p> <p>Operant Conditioning Social Learning Theory</p>	<p>Neurological damage Damasio et al (1994) Historical perspectives and psychology</p> <p>Case studies Research Methods Revision 2</p>	<p>Obedience – situational and personality variables Dispositional explanations Resistance to social influence Minority Influence</p> <p>Biological treatments to OCD Cognitive & Genetics explanations of depression Treatments of depression</p> <p>Self-report measures Demand characteristics & Investigator Effects Observational techniques & design Aims & Hypotheses</p> <p>Cognitive Social Learning Theory</p>	<p>Sex and gender Sex-role stereotypes Androgyny The role chromosomes and hormones in sex and gender Atypical chromosomes in gender</p> <p>Cognitive explanations of gender development Psychodynamic explanation of gender development Social learning theory as applied to gender development Atypical gender development</p> <p>RM – central tenancy, descriptive statistics, case studies, features of science, reporting investigations, validity</p>



	Topics	Developmental	Criminal	Sleep and Dreaming	Social Influence / Psychopathology Research Methods	Schizophrenia / Issues & Debates
Half Term 3	Knowledge	Development of the brain Piaget's theory Piaget and Inhelder (1956) Ethical Issues	Bandura, Ross & Ross (1961) Charlton et al (2000) Eysenck's biological explanation Punishment & recidivism Treating Offenders	Sleep cycles Internal and external factors of sleep Siffre (1975) Sleeping disorders Freud's theory of dreaming Freud (1909) Activation Synthesis Theory	Social Change Abnormality Definitions Variables & operationalisation Controlling variables	Classification of schizophrenia Diagnoses of schizophrenia Biological explanations of schizophrenia Psychological explanations of schizophrenia Therapies for schizophrenia The importance of an interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia Nature-nurture debate RM – levels of measurement, normal distribution, self-report techniques, sampling, meta-analysis & peer review
					Memory / Attachment Research Methods	
					MSM STM LTM Caregiver interactions Stages of attachment Multiple attachments Presentation of data and graphs Correlations Economic Implications & Meta-analysis	



	Topics	Developmental Psychology Research Methods	Psychological Problems – Depression Research Methods	Revision for Paper 1	Memory / Attachment Research Methods / Approaches	Forensic Psychology / Issues & debates
Half Term 4	Knowledge	Dweck's mindset theory Gunderson et al (2013) Willingham's theory Morality Observation Correlations	Introduction to mental health & depression Genetic and Cognitive explanations of depression Caspi et al (2003) Therapies for depression 1 Reliability & validity Writing hypotheses Drawing graphs	Developmental Psychology Memory Psychological Problems The brain and neuropsychology Social Influence	WMM Types of LTM Types of forgetting 1 Role of the father Animal Studies Learning theory as an explanation Bowlby's monotropic theory Descriptive Statistics Experimental Designs Case studies & Peer Reviews Reliability Validity	Offender profiling Biological explanation of offending behaviour Psychological explanation of offending behaviour Dealing with offending behaviour Gender and culture Free will and determinism Holism & reductionism Idiographic & nomothetic approaches Ethical implications RM – types of data, thematic analysis, observations, economic implications



	Topics	Memory	Psychological Problems - Addiction	Revision for Paper 2	Memory / Attachment Research Methods / I&D	Revision
Half Term 5	Knowledge	Introduction to memory ST & LT Memory MSM Peterson & Peterson (1959) Bar charts Maths Skills 2	Therapies for depression 2 Introduction to addiction Learning and Genetic explanations of addiction Use of CBT as a treatment Therapeutic drugs	Research Methods Criminal Psychology Sleep and Dreaming	Explanations of forgetting 2 Eyewitness Testimonies Ainsworth's Strange Situation Cultural Variations Maternal Deprivation Hypothesis Privation Pilot Studies Distributions Levels of measurement Probability and significance Statistical testing Factors affecting the choice of statistical testing	Paper 1 Paper 2 Paper 3



	Topics	Research Methods Memory	Psychological Problems	Publication Examination Period	Memory / Attachment Research Methods / I&D	Publication Examination Period
Half Term 6	Knowledge	Histograms & normal distribution Types of experiments Amnesia Revision of Year 9 content	Young (2007) Nature vs. nurture Revision of Year 9 & 10 content	Publication Examination Period	Cognitive Interview Institutionalisation Impacts on childhood and adult relationships Content and Thematic analysis Features of Science Reporting investigations Humanistic Psychodynamic Origins of Psychology	Publication Examination Period

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