

Psychology KS4

The educational purpose of Psychology is to enhance students' awareness about themselves and others. Studying Psychology encourages students to be more empathic and understanding of others, by challenging judgmental and prejudiced attitudes. Students will be taught to understand the world through the lens of psychology. this will help Students in all areas of their lives by improving their interactions with other people and enhancing their ability to understand and regulate their own emotions and behaviour. and in doing so become successful independent learners.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
	Research methods	Criminal Psychology	Psychological problems
	The knowledge and understanding of the features of	Knowledge and understanding of the core theories of	Students will learn how to define mental disorders.
	planning research and the associated strengths and	criminal behaviour and well as their limitations.	They will then learn and understand theories
	weaknesses where appropriate	Knowledge and understanding of the core studies of	explaining schizophrenia and depression. They will
	The knowledge and understanding of the features of	criminal psychology as well as their limitations. Students	then evaluate the theories in relation to how well
	conducting research and the associated strengths and	will be introduced to evaluative and analysis skills	they can explain abnormalities. Students will then
Yr10	weaknesses including reliability and validity and the type		apply their knowledge to treatments used in
	of research objectives for which they are most suitable.		healthcare
	Ability to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of	Development	
	the process and procedures involved in the collection,	Students will cover the work of Jean Piaget and his	13-mark questions
	construction, interpretation, analysis and representation	influence on the education system. They will learn two	Students will draw form their paper 1 knowledge to
	of data.	core theories as well as studies then apply their knowledge	compare and contrast theories, studies and
		to the education system	methods.
	Criminal psychology		
	Different types of crime and how crime is viewed as a		
	social construct. The knowledge and understanding of		
	how crime is measured as well as the strengths and		
	weakness of the respective methods		
	Assessment 1: Research methods from paper 1	Assessment 1: Criminal section of paper with interleaved	Assessment 1: Psychological problems section of
		research methods questions	paper 1
	Assessment 2: Paper 1, criminal section, short answer		Assessment 2: Timed 13-mark question
	questions	Assessment 2: Criminal, development and research	
		methods sections of paper 1	Assessment 2: Mock Exam – Full paper 1



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	Social influence	Memory	Revision of paper 1
	Key concepts of conformity, crowd behaviour,	theory of Reconstructive Memory, techniques used	Revision of paper 2
	obedience, explanations of social influence -	for memory recall.	
	situational & dispositional, Bickman's research,	,	Students will consolidate the knowledge that
	NatCen study into London riots.	Sleep and dreaming	they have learnt throughout years 10 and 11 in
	, ,	Functions, features and benefits of sleep, causes of	order to compare and contrast theories from
	Memory	sleep disorders, Freudian Theory of Dreaming,	different topics using the debates and issues
Yr11	Information processing, types of forgetting, multi-	Research Study – Freud (1918): dream analysis study	they have learned throughout the course. The
	store model of memory,	of 'The Wolfman', Activation Synthesis Theory of	focus will be on application of knowledge,
		Dreaming: Features of insomnia	developing key skills and making synoptic links
	Assessment 1: Paper 2 social influence section	Assessment 1: Paper 2 – Memory/ Sleep and dreaming	Summer Examinations
	Assessment 2: Mock Exams Students sit two exam papers: Full paper 1, half of paper 2 – Social influence, memory and research methods.	Assessment 2: Mock Exams Students two exam papers in full: paper 1 and paper 2	
		Sat in examination conditions	