Psychology A Level Learning Journey

Year 13

Summer Term PAPER 3 EXAM
- Issues & Debates
- Gender
- Schizophrenia
- Forensic Psychology

Thinking About Next Steps!
- University
- Employment or apprenticeship
- Gap year, travelling or volunteering

Summer Term PAPER 2 EXAM
- Approaches
- Biopsychology
- Research Methods

Summer Term PAPER 1 EXAM
- Social Influence
- Memory
- Attachment
- Clinical psychology and mental health

Spring Term
Revision For Exams



Autumn Term Schizophrenia
- What are the explanations of schizophrenia?
- How do we treat schizophrenia?
- How do we diagnose schizophrenia



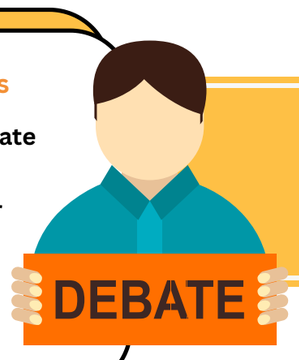
Autumn Term Forensic Psychology
- What is offender profiling?
- Why do people commit crimes?
- How should we deal with criminals?
- How does biology and how we are raised impact the likelihood of committing a crime



Spring Term Gender
- What are the explanations for gender
- Is gender biologically or environmental determined?
- What types of atypical gender development are there?



Autumn Term Issues and Debates
- Why should we debate in psychology?
- Should we study people as groups or individuals?
- Should we rely on biology or our environment for behavioural explanations?



Autumn Term Research Methods
- How do I use statistical analysis in Psychology?
- Is Psychology a science?
- How do I use Advanced Statistics in my research?



Autumn Term Biopsychology
- What are the different areas of the brain?
- How do we study the brain?
- How does our nervous system impact behaviour



Summer Term Memory
- Why do we use computer models for memory?
- Why do we forget memories each day?
- Are we good eyewitnesses?
- What are the type of memories we have?



Summer Term July
Mock Examinations



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Spring Term Attachment
- How do attachments form and why are they needed?
- What happens when we are deprived at childhood
- How does attachment differ around the world?



Spring Term Clinical Psychology and Mental Health
- How do people develop Depression, OCD and Phobias?
- What are the symptoms?
- How do we treat them?



Autumn Term Social Influence
- Why do people conform or obey?
- Are certain people more or less likely to obey?
- Can a minority influence a majority?
- Are we born evil?



Year 12

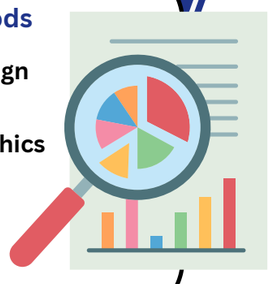
Autumn Term Introduction to Psychology
- What are the basics of psychology?
- How are we expected to answer exam questions in psychology?



Autumn Term Approaches
- Where did Psychology come from?
- How do we explain behaviour?
- What do psychologists say about behaviour?



Autumn Term Research Methods
- How do we design and carry out research?
- What are the ethics of research
- How can we measure behaviours accurately and reliably?



Year 13 Overview

Students will build upon their knowledge from Year 12 and apply this to further applied topics in Psychology. The basis of Y13 is to look holistically at examples and theories within psychology and be able to evaluate and analyse effectively to a range of examples, case studies and research methods skills. Students will continue to be assessed through end of topic assessments and mock exams in order to further develop exam skills ready for the external examinations at the end of the year.

Year 12 Overview

Students will develop knowledge of the underpinning psychological theories which will be applied to the various topics they learn throughout the course. They will regularly apply and analyse this knowledge throughout the year through end of topic assessments and will further evaluate and debate psychological approaches to applied psychological areas.

"The purpose of psychology is to give us a completely different idea of the things we know best." P Valry