



Curriculum Map 2024-25

Psychology

September – October (before	Approaches:	BLP
half term)	Origins of Psychology	- Collaborate effectively
	- Wundt	(working in groups to
	- Introspection	find research)
	- Emergence of	- Question and delve
	psychology as a	(debates)
	science	- Plan ahead (planning
	Learning Approaches	essays at home)
	- The behaviourist	- Review rethink rewrite
	approaches	(students will get their
	- Classical conditioning	essays back and
	- Operant conditioning	perform green pen
	- Types of	action)
	reinforcement	- Make links (between
	- Social learning theory	theory, research and
	Cognitive approach	real life situations e.g.
	- As the study of	James Bulger case)
	internal mental	- Gather resources
	processes	(finding research)
	- The role of the schema	- Distil, boil it down
	- Use of theoretical and	(reading journal
	computer models	articles and
	- The emergence of	condensing it down
	cognitive neuroscience	into their own words)
	The biological approach	- Persevere (if they
	- The influence of	don't understand
	genes, biological	something and they
	structures and	don't have time in the
	neurochemistry on	lesson to ask questions
	behaviour	they can come to
	- Genotype and	Psych Café to have
	phenotypes	some 1:1 help)
	- Genetic basis of	
	behaviour	
	 Evolution and 	
	behaviour	
	Biopsychology	
	- The divisions of the	
	nervous system	
	 Structure and function 	
	of sensory, relay and	
	motor neurons	
	- Synaptic transmissions	
	- Endocrine system,	
	glands and hormones	

	Multistore model of memory	
	- Sensory register	
	- Short term memory	
	- Long term memory	
	Features of each store	
	- Encoding	
	- Capacity	
	- Duration	
	Types of long-term memory	
	- Episodic	
	- Procedural	
	- Semantic	
	The working memory models	
	 Central executive 	
	 Phonological loop 	
	- Visuo-spatial	
	sketchpad	
	- Episodic buffer	
	Features of working memory	
	- Coding	
	- Capacity	
	Explanations for forgetting	
	 Proactive interference 	
	- Retroactive	
	interference	
	- Retrieval failure	
	Factors affecting eye witness	
	testimony	
	- Misleading questions	
	- Leading questions	
	- Post-event discussion	
	- Anxiety	
	Improving the accuracy of eye	
	witness testimony	
	- Cognitive interview	
February (after half term) –	Psychopathology	
Easter	Definitions of abnormality	
	- Deviation from social	
	Norms	
	- Failure to Function	
	adequately	
	- Statistical infrequency	
	- Deviation from ideal	
	mental health	
	Characteristics of mental	
	disorders, including emotional,	
	behavioural and cognitive	
	characteristics	
	- Phobias	
	- Depression	
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- Obsessive compulsive	
disorder (OCD)	
The Behavioural Approach to	
explaining Phobias	
- Classical conditional	
 Operant conditioning 	
 Social learning theory 	
THE Behavioural approach to	
treating phobias	
- Systematic	
Desensitisation (SD),	
including relaxation	
and use of a hierarchy	
- Flooding	
The cognitive approach to	
explaining depression	
- Ellis' ABC Model	
 Becks negative triad 	
The cognitive approach to	
treating depression	
- Cognitive behavioural	
therapy (CBT)	
including challenging	
irrational thoughts	
The biological approach to	
explaining OCD	
- Genetic explanations	
- Neural explanations	
The biological approach to	
treating OCD	
- Drug therapy; SSRI,	
antidepressants. Anti-	
anxiety drugs.	
Attachment	
Caregiver – infant interactions	
- Reciprocity	
- Interactional	
synchrony	
Behaviours in attachment	
- Maccoby (1980) key	
behaviours of	
attachment	
Stages of attachment	
- Schaffer & Emerson	
- Multiple attachments	
- The role of the father	
Explanations of attachment	
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- Learning theories	
 Learning theories Bowlby monotrophy 	

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	- Critical/sensitive	
	period	
	- Internal working	
	model	
	Animals studies of attachment	
	- Harlow	
	- Lorenz	
April (After half term) – May	Attachment	
	Types of attachment	
	- Ainsworth's	
	secure/insecure	
	avoidant/insecure	
	resistant	
	Critical variations of	
	attachment	
	 Van Ljzendoorn & 	
	Kroonenberg	
	- Collectivist and	
	individualist cultures	
	Maternal deprivation	
	- Bowlby's maternal	
	deprivation hypothesis	
	- Deprivation &	
	Privation	
	- Romanian orphanage	
	studies	
	- Institutionalisation	
	The effect of early attachment	
	on relationships	
	- The role of the internal	
	working model	
	- Revisionist &	
	prototype working	
	models	
	- Hazan & Shavers three	
	attachment types:	
	secure, ambivalent	
	and avoidant	
	Evaluation	
May June (before Helf term)		
May – June (before Half term)	Issues and Debates	
Sontombor 2024 on missed last	Gender Issues in Psychology	
September 2024 as missed last	- Androcentrism	
year.	- Alpha bias	
	- Beta bias	
	Cultural Issues in Psychology	
	- Universality	
	- Cultural bias &	
	relativism	
	- Ethnocentrism	
	Ethical implications	
	 Ethical consideration 	

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	- Implications of	
	research studies	
	- Social sensitivity	
	Free will vs. determinism	
	- Hard & soft	
	determinism	
	 Biological determinism 	
	- Environmental	
	determinism	
	- Psychic determinism	
	- Scientific emphasis on	
	causal explanations	
	The Nature Nurture Debate	
	- Heredity and	
	environment in	
	determining behaviour	
	- The Interactionist	
	approach	
	Reductionism vs. Holism	
	- Biological	
	reductionism	
	- Environmental	
	reductionism	
	- Levels of explanation	
	Idiographic and Nomothetic	
	approaches	
	- Humanistic psychology	
	- Classification	
	- Establishing principles	
lune (After half term) – luly	 Establishing principles and dimensions 	(Set work for over summer
June (After half term) – July	- Establishing principles and dimensions Biopsychology	(Set work for over summer
June (After half term) – July (Summer holidays)	 Establishing principles and dimensions Biopsychology Nervous system 	holidays linked to
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	 Somatosensory Visual Auditory Language centres Broca's and Wernicke's area Spilt brain research Plasticity Functional recovery of the brain after stroke or injury. Scanning techniques Functional magnetic resonance imaging (Fmri) Electroencephalogram (EEG) Event related potentials (ERPs) Post mortem examinations Biological rhythms Infradian rhythms Ultradian rhythms The difference between biological rhythms Endogenous pacemakers External zeitgebers Sleep wake cycle. 	
	YEAR 13	
September – October (Half term)	Forensic PsychologyDefining and measuring crimeOffender profiling- Top-down approach- The bottom up approachBiological explanations- An historical approachBiological explanations- Genetic and neuralPsychological explanations- Eysenck's theory- Cognitive- Differential association theory- PsychodynamicDealing with offending behaviour	

	 Custodial sentencing 	
	- Behaviour	
	modification in	
	custody	
	 Anger management 	
	- Restorative justice	
	HALF TERM	
October (after half term) –	<u>Gender</u>	
December	Sex and gender	
	 Sex-role stereotypes 	
	 Androgyny and 	
	measuring androgyny	
	Chromosome and hormones	
	- Klinefelter's syndrome	
	- Turners syndrome	
	Cognitive explanations of	
	gender development	
	- Kohlberg theory	
	- Gender schema theory	
	Other explanations of gender	
	development	
	- Freuds psychoanalytic	
	theory	
	- Social learning theory	
	The influence of culture and	
	media on gender roles	
	Atypical gender development	
	- Gender identity	
	disorder	
	- Biological reasons for	
	gender identity disorder	
	- Social reasons for	
	gender identity	
	disorder CHRISTMAS	
	Mock Exams- Paper 1 & Paper	
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- Attachment
- Social influence
- Gender
- Forensic Psychology
- Schizophrenia
 Issues and debate
- Psychopathology
- Memory

Research Methods is taught throughout the year alongside the other topics.