

Psychology Curriculum Plan – Key Stage 5

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SUBJECT	1 st Half of the year (Sep – Jan)	2 nd Half of the year (Jan-July)
12	Approaches: considers all approaches to studying Psychology Cognitive Psychology: covering models of memory, forgetting and EWT Developmental Psychology: development of attachments, maternal deprivation, and institutionalisation. Research Methods: looking at the methods and designs used in all psychological research and related issues such as ethics, reliability, validity, and introduction to statistics. A period of revision focusing on past papers and examination technique	Biopsychology: including the nervous system, neurons, neurotransmitters, the endocrine system, the role of adrenaline, brain structure and function as well as biological rhythms. Social Psychology: covering conformity, obedience, minority influence and social change. Research Methods: looking at the methods and designs used in all psychological research and related issues such as ethics, reliability, validity, and introduction to statistics. Psychopathology: looking at definitions of abnormality and explanations and treatments for phobias, depression, and OCD. A period of revision focusing on past papers and examination technique
	Mid-Year Assessment: On-going end of topic tests for each area covered	End of Year Assessment: Two past papers covering all topics all topics studied to date

SUBJECT	September – November	December – March	March - June
13	Research Methods: completes and builds on the Year One topic and introduces probability, significance, and statistical testing. Option 1: Relationships: looks at factors affecting attraction and development of relationships (real and virtual) (one class) Continued development of examination technique.	Issues and Debates considers general issues that are central to a fuller understanding of the topics covered including Approaches. Option 1: Relationships: looks at factors affecting attraction and development of relationships (real and virtual) (one class) Option 2: Stress: considers biological and psychological causes and treatments of stress.	Research Methods: builds on the Year One topic and introduces probability, significance, and statistical testing. Option 3: Addiction: considers risk factors and how the approaches covered in year one seeks to explain and treat gambling and smoking addiction. Concurrent revision for Year One topics.

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	November Mock Exam: On-going end of topic tests for each area covered	March Mock Exam: On-going end of topic tests for each area covered	ACTUAL A LEVEL EXAMINATION