

Psychology Year Plan

A level Psychology Specification

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Year 12

	2 hours	2 hours	1 hour
Autumn Term	Memory Models of memory Theories of forgetting Eye Witness Testimony End of unit test	Social Influence Explanations of conformity and obedience Minority influence and social change End of unit test	Research Methods Methods, designs, sampling, aims, hypotheses, variables, ethics, graphs, types of data, maths content, pilot studies, peer review, psychology and the economy
Spring Term	Psychopathology/ Approaches Definitions of abnormality Causes and treatments of depression, OCD and phobias Six psychological approaches End of unit test	Attachment Explanations and types of attachment, caregiver-infant interactions, animal studies, effects of maternal deprivation End of unit test	
Summer Term	Biopsychology Nervous system, endocrine system, neurons and synapse	Schizophrenia Classification and diagnosis Biological explanations and treatments	

Assessment Points:

Exams in Feb and May of Y12

Year 13

	2 hours	2 hours	1 hour
Autumn Term	Biopsychology Brain localisation, brain trauma, split brain research, ways of studying the brain and biological rhythms End of unit test Aggression Biological explanations of aggression	Schizophrenia Psychological explanations and treatments, interactionist approach End of unit test Relationships Sexual selection, factors affecting attraction, theories of relationships	Issues and Debates Nature v nurture, free will v determinism, reductionism v holism, idiographic v nomothetic, gender and cultural bias and ethical implications
Spring Term	Aggression Social explanations, aggression in prisons and media influences	Relationships Theories of relationships, virtual and parasocial relationships	Research Methods Designing/reporting investigations Statistical tests Reliability and validity

Assessment Points:

Exams February Y13 Paper 3

Further exams in lessons in the Spring term to cover Paper 1 and Paper 2 content