

Psychology Year Plan 2021-22

A level Psychology Specification

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Year 12

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

Assessment Points:

Mock Exams w/c 31st January 2022 and w/c 23rd May 2022

Year 13

	Mrs Evans (2 hours)	Mrs Coote (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:

Mock Exams w/c 7th February 2022 Paper 3

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

A level Exams:

24th May 2022 Paper 1

8th June 2022 Paper 2

16th June 2022 Paper 3