

PSYCHOLOGY GSA Curriculum Map 2023-24

We aim to develop students into psychologists who can:

- demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological concepts, theories, research studies, research methods and ethical issues in the range of required modules and be able to apply this to a range of contexts;
- build skills in the analysis and evaluation of psychological concepts, theories, research studies and research methods;
- appreciate the range of influences on human behaviour, and how an interactionist approach is needed to provide full explanations.
- develop synopticity by embedded retrieval practice to highlight links with previously learned topics.

Courses taught:

OCR Psychology GCSE (J204) AQA Psychology A-level (7182)

Year 11 (n.b year 11 - 13 mark research methods)						
	Autumn 1 (HT1)	Autumn 2 (HT2)	Spring 1 (HT3)	Spring 2 (HT4)	Summer 1 (HT5)	Summer 2 (HT6)
Topic Covered	Social influence - key concepts of conformity, crowd behaviour, obedience, explanations of social influence - situational & dispositional, Bickman's research, NatCen study into London riots. 5. Social influence - review areas taught in year 10 and complete the topic - minority influence & social change	6. Sleep & dreaming - functions, features and benefits of sleep, causes of sleep disorders, Freudian Theory of Dreaming, Research Study – Freud (1918): dream analysis study of 'The Wolfman', Activation Synthesis Theory of Dreaming: Features of insomnia	6. Memory - information processing, types of forgetting, multi-store model of memory, theory of Reconstructive Memory, techniques used for memory recall.	8. Research methods - continuation of content not taught in year 10 - types of data, tables / charts/ graphs, sources of bias	Revision for GCSE exams Practising answering / producing exemplar answers to 13 mark synoptic exam questions	Exams
Knowledge deepened	How the stigma of mental health discrimination can be reduced by minority and majority influence. Describing theories and studies	Reasons why we dream and ways to improve sleep hygiene. Knowledge of brain function e.g. endogenous pacemakers	Brain damage as a result of injury. Accuracy and vulnerability of memory. Describing theories and studies	Procedures for psychological study e.g. main stages of investigation.	Retrieval of prior knowledge	

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Skills Developed	<p>Effective studying</p> <p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>How to effectively evaluate</p> <p>Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject</p>	<p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>How to effectively evaluate</p> <p>Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject</p>	<p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>How to effectively evaluate</p> <p>Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject</p>	<p>Applying research methods knowledge to a novel source</p>	<p>Revision skills</p> <p>Developing evaluation skills through use of counter-arguments.</p> <p>Synoptic exam question - making connections between different elements of the subject</p>	
Links to Specification	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Social influence	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Sleep and dreaming	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Memory	Studies and applications in psychology 2 - Research methods		
Flagship Link						
Cross Curriculum Connections		GCSE PE- Mental rehearsal Spring term Y10 Sport Psychology topic		<p>GEOGRAPHY Types of data – qualitative, quantitative, primary and secondary Y10 Spring 2 – urban fieldwork</p> <p>GEOGRAPHY - Interpretation data expressed in tables, charts and graphs Y11 Spring 2 – using resources/figures + statistical skills</p> <p>CHEMISTRY C12 unit - analysing of qualitative data</p>		
Resources to support learning	<p>All lesson PowerPoints for the topic of Criminal Psychology can be found on the GSA Psychology Google Site</p> <p>Specification Link: https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/309306-specification-accredited-gcse-psychology-j203.pdf</p>					

Year 12						
	Autumn 1 (HT1)	Autumn 2 (HT2)	Spring 1 (HT3)	Spring 2 (HT4)	Summer 1 (HT5)	Summer 2 (HT6)
Topic Covered (Taught concurrently by 2 teachers)	<p>Introduction to Psychology and exam skills</p> <p>Approaches - Origins of Psychology, key approaches & comparisons</p>	<p>Biopsychology - systems, neurons, fight or flight</p> <p>Research Methods Scientific processes, data handling and analysis, reliability / validity, features of science</p> <p>Research Methods - Scientific processes - how studies are conducted and design decisions</p>	<p>Psychopathology - explaining & treating phobias;depression;OC D</p> <p>Social Influence - conformity, obedience, social change</p> <p>Research Methods - non-experimental methods.</p> <p>Research Methods Scientific processes, data handling and analysis</p> <p>Research Methods - Scientific processes - how studies are conducted and design decisions</p> <p>Research methods - reliability / validity, features of science, writing a scientific report, how to design an investigation</p> <p>Maths</p>	<p>Psychopathology - explaining & treating phobias;depression;OC D</p> <p>Social Influence - conformity, obedience, social change</p> <p>Research Methods - non-experimental methods.</p> <p>Research Methods Scientific processes, data handling and analysis</p> <p>Research Methods - Scientific processes - how studies are conducted and design decisions</p> <p>Research methods - reliability / validity, features of science, writing a scientific report, how to design an investigation</p> <p>Maths and Statistics</p>	<p>Attachment - caregiver-infant bond, stages, explanations, studies.</p> <p>Memory - types, models, forgetting</p> <p>Statistics</p> <p>Revision of Year 12 modules for PPE</p>	<p>Attachment - Deprivation, institutionalisation</p> <p>Memory - eye-witness testimony</p> <p>Research Methods - non-experimental methods.</p> <p>Research Methods Scientific processes, data handling and analysis</p> <p>Research Methods - Scientific processes - how studies are conducted and design decisions</p> <p>Research methods - reliability / validity, features of science, writing a scientific report, how to design an investigation</p> <p>Maths and Statistics</p> <p>Revision of Year 12 modules for PPE</p>
Knowledge deepened	<p>Understanding of achieving personal goals and rewriting own narrative.</p> <p>Training animals and human behaviour modification.</p>	<p>Understanding anxiety and stress responses.</p> <p>Ethical issues and how to plan to avoid them.</p> <p>Evaluation of research method design.</p>	<p>Ethical issues in psychological research e.g. the tyranny from Zimbardo's study.</p> <p>Demand characteristics in psychological research.</p> <p>Issues with clinical</p>	<p>Cultural bias in psychological research and the issues of generalising results to non-western societies.</p> <p>Importance of statistical significance</p>	<p>Developing hinterland knowledge and case studies to enable students to gain a deeper understanding of psychopathology beyond their own limited experiences</p>	<p>Institutional racism within the criminal justice system</p>

			evidence.			
Skills developed	<p>Sequencing information</p> <p>Comparing and contrasting theories & approaches</p> <p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>Effective studying</p> <p>Exam skills</p> <p>Introduction to effective evaluation of research studies and theories</p> <p>Writing short answer exam questions</p>	<p>How to conduct research</p> <p>Analysing appropriateness and effectiveness of psychological treatments</p> <p>Embedding effective evaluation using PET structure</p> <p>Writing psychological essays</p> <p>Analysis and evaluation</p>	<p>Application to human behaviour</p>	<p>Application to human behaviour</p> <p>Analysis and evaluation</p> <p>Data analysis</p>	<p>Data analysis</p> <p>How to conduct research</p>	<p>Developing evaluation skills through use of counter-arguments.</p> <p>Designing & conducting research studies</p> <p>Revision skills</p>
Links to Specification	<p>4.2.1 Approaches - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.2.2 Biopsychology - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.1 Research Methods Scientific Process - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.1.4 Psychopathology - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.1 Social Influence, Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.2.3.1 Research Methods Scientific Process - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.1.4 Psychopathology - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.1 Social Influence, Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.1 Research Methods Scientific Process - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.2 Research Methods Data Handling and Analysis - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.1.3 Attachment - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.2 Memory - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.1 Research Methods Scientific Process - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.2 Research Methods Data Handling and Analysis - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>	<p>4.1.3 Attachment - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.1.2 Memory - Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology</p> <p>4.2.3 Research Methods - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.1 Research Methods Scientific Process - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p> <p>4.2.3.2 Research Methods Data Handling and Analysis - Paper 2 Psychology in Context</p>

Flagship Link					Psychology and Geography - Data presentation	
Cross Curriculum Connections	<p>Approaches - BIOLOGY: Inheritance and disease (year 12 term 2)</p> <p>Approaches - BIOLOGY: Evolution and Natural selection (year 12 term 2)</p> <p>Approaches - PE Behaviourism (Skinner) & observational learning (Bandura)</p> <p>Approaches - Freud CRIMINOLOGY - AC 2.2.2 Describe individualistic theories of criminality</p>	<p>CRIMINOLOGY - AC 2.2.1 Describe biological theories of criminality, 2.2.2 Describe individualistic theories of criminality</p> <p>PHILOSOPHY: Year 13 term 2, Conscience</p>	<p>Social Influence - SOCIOLOGY: Yr13 Crime and deviance unit causes of state crime (obedience to authority – reference Milgram)</p> <p>Research Methods - non-experimental methods - SOCIOLOGY: Yr 12 research methods and Yr 13 theory and methods unit</p>	<p>Research Methods - data analysis - MATHS year 12 correlations & analysis of standard deviation</p>	<p>Memory - PE Baddeley and Hitch, working memory model memory system</p> <p>Attachment - SOCIOLOGY: Yr 12 Family and households unit Topic 2 - Childhood CRIMINOLOGY - AC 2.2.2 Describe individualistic theories of criminality</p>	
Resources to support learning	<p>Approaches: Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and practice questions - Chapter 4</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google site to access powerpoints and wider reading</p> <p>Tutor2U collection of student notes and videos</p> <p>Seneca learning on all of the psychological approaches</p>	<p>Research methods: Tutor2U revision notes and quizzes</p> <p>Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and practice questions - Chapter 6</p> <p>Seneca learning - on all areas of research methods</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google site to access powerpoints and wider reading</p> <p>Biopsychology:</p>	<p>Psychopathology See link above for online textbook. Chapter 5</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p> <p>Seneca Learning covers all topics in psychopathology</p> <p>Seneca test your understanding</p>	<p>Research Methods See link above for online textbook. Chapter 5</p> <p>Psychopathology See link above for online textbook. Chapter 5</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p> <p>Seneca Learning covers all topics in psychopathology</p> <p>Seneca test your</p>	<p>Attachment: See link above for online textbook. Chapter 3</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p> <p>Tutor2U collection</p> <p>Seneca test your understanding</p> <p>Seneca Learning to cover all topics in attachment</p>	<p>Attachment: See link above for online textbook. Chapter 3</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p> <p>Tutor2U collection</p> <p>Seneca test your understanding</p> <p>Seneca Learning to cover all topics in</p>

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Topic Covered	Relationships - evolution, virtual, parasocial Schizophrenia - -diagnosing Biopsychology - functions of the brain, studying, biological rhythms	Schizophrenia - explaining, treating Forensic Psychology -Offender profiling; biological and psychological explanations of offending behaviour; dealing with offending behaviour.	Issues & Debates - gender, culture, determinism, nature nature, reductionism, approaches, ethical implications	Research Methods - Statistics Approaches - comparison through the debates Research methods - reliability / validity, features of science, writing a scientific report, how to design an investigation	Research Methods - Statistics Revision Revision	Exams
Knowledge deepened	Functions of the brain, studying, biological rhythms Describing theories and studies Making synoptic links Application to human behaviour	Describing theories and studies Making synoptic links Knowing how to effectively evaluate	Making synoptic links Application to human behaviour	Designing and critiquing studies Application to human behaviour Describing theories and studies	Understand how psychological research is conducted, including the role of scientific method and data analysis Data analysis. Statistical test choice and interpretation Designing and critiquing studies Retrieval of prior knowledge	
Skills Developed	Application to human behaviour Analysis and evaluation Writing short answer exam questions	Application to human behaviour Analysis and evaluation	Analysis and evaluation Application to human behaviour Analysing appropriateness and effectiveness of psychological treatments	Data analysis. Statistical test choice and interpretation Application to human behaviour Analysing appropriateness and effectiveness of psychological treatments Writing a scientific report, how to design an investigation	Designing & conducting research investigations, practically & in the form of exam questions	
Links to	4.3.2 Relationships -	4.3.5 Schizophrenia	4.3.1 Issues and	4.2.3.3 Research	4.2.3.3 Research	

Specification	Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology 4.3.5 Schizophrenia Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology 4.2.2 Biopsychology - Paper 2 Psychology in Context	Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology 4.3.16 Forensic- Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology	Debates in Psychology - Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology w Biopsychology S...	Methods Inferential Testing - Paper 2 Psychology in Context 4.3.1 Issues and Debates in Psychology - Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology	Methods Inferential Testing - Paper 2 Psychology in Context	
Flagship Link			Biology and Psychology (Y13 Term 2) Nervous system, neurons and synapses, endocrine system, brain structure, brain scanning and injury			
Cross Curriculum Connections	PHILOSOPHY, year 12, term 1 - Religious experience.	Schizophrenia & aggression - CRIMINOLOGY - AC 2.2.1 Describe biological theories of criminality, AC2.2.2 Describe individualistic theories of criminality Forensic Psychology- CRIMINOLOGY - AC 2.2.1 Describe biological theories of criminality, AC2.2.2 Describe individualistic theories of criminality AC 3.1.4: 3.2.4		Statistics - GEOGRAPHY: Spearman's Rho Statistical Test (Year 12, term 3) Research Methods - data analysis - MATHS year 12 correlations & analysis of standard deviation	GEOGRAPHY: Spearman's Rho Statistical Test (Year 12, term 3) Research Methods - data analysis - MATHS year 12 correlations & analysis of standard deviation	
Resources to support learning	Specification: https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/psychology/specifications/AQA-7181-7182-SP-2015.PDF					
	Schizophrenia Year 2 Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and	Forensic Psychology: Tutor2U practice exam questions for the Forensic Psychology topic	See adjacent column for electronic links on Issues and Debates Issues and Debates	See adjacent column for electronic links on Issues and Debates Research methods	See adjacent column for electronic links on Year 13 Research Methods	

	<p>practice questions</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p> <p>Seneca Learning</p> <p>Biopsychology Year 2 Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and practice questions - Chapter 1</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p> <p>Seneca Learning</p>	<p>Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and practice questions - Chapter 11</p> <p>GSA Psychology google classroom with powerpoints, wider reading and link to access exam papers</p> <p>Seneca learning on all areas of the Forensic Psychology topic</p> <p>Relationships Year 2 Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and practice questions</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p> <p>Seneca Learning</p>	<p>Tutor2U student study notes and student videos on all of the issues and debates</p> <p>Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and practice questions - Chapter 4</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google site with powerpoints, wider reading and link to access exam papers</p> <p>Seneca learning on all areas of the aggression topic</p>	<p>Simply Psychology - How to answer a 'design a study exam' question Tutor2U - How to answer a 'design a study exam' question</p> <p>Seneca learning - on all areas of research methods</p> <p>Tutor2U revision notes and quizzes</p> <p>Online textbook including quizzes, revision summaries and practice questions - Chapter 3</p> <p>GSA Psychology Google Website contains various links to websites, videos, articles and other revision material</p>		
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