

Year 13 Psychology

Psychology is a popular subject which is attractive to students because it develops a range of valuable skills, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. These skills are particularly relevant to young people and are transferable to further study and the workplace.

Methods of deepening and securing knowledge:

Utilisation of online resources	Online learning tasks, delivered via Google Classroom and the Seneca online learning platform are used to consolidate learning outside of the classroom through low-stakes testing and review.
Lesson dictations readily available	As a result of the development of distance learning, lesson dictations are readily available to allow students to develop understanding in their own time.
Modelling of extended writing tasks	Exemplar answers from AQA are used as a regular tool, as well as the recent adaptation of collaborative working in written tasks to encourage conversation and dialogue relating to essay writing as a skill.
Larger independent practical tasks	Whilst no longer required as part of the course syllabus, these tasks allow students to deepen their understanding by engaging in and conducting their own piece of practical research. This allows students to deepen their understanding of concepts and issues which are applied critically to key studies and theories across the course.

	Autumn term 1	Autumn term 2	Spring term 1
Topic(s)	<p>Unit 8: Issues & Debates in Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically, psychology has been a male dominated discipline and the charge is that many of its major theories and explanations reflect this. Worse, it may be that male bias is so endemic within the research practices of psychology that the female voice has become marginalised or possibly judged abnormal. Nowadays much of modern psychology focuses its gaze upon the United States of America which in turn may result in British cultural norms becoming considered abnormal. <p>Unit 9: Gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sex and gender are different things. Explanations in recent times have lead to a distinction drawn between the two concepts and how our social and cultural understanding of what it means to be 'male' or 'female' gives rise to sex-role stereotypes. 	<p>Unit 8: Issues & Debates in Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historically, psychology has been a male dominated discipline and the charge is that many of its major theories and explanations reflect this. Worse, it may be that male bias is so endemic within the research practices of psychology that the female voice has become marginalised or possibly judged abnormal. Nowadays much of modern psychology focuses its gaze upon the United States of America which in turn may result in British cultural norms becoming considered abnormal. <p>Unit 9: Gender</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sex and gender are different things. Explanations in recent times have lead to a distinction drawn between the two concepts and how our social and cultural understanding of what it means to be 'male' or 'female' gives rise to sex-role stereotypes. 	<p>Unit 10: Schizophrenia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schizophrenia is a severe mental illness where contact with reality and insight are impaired. It is a form of psychosis. As schizophrenia is an illness we can't see, there are clear issues in the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of the disorder. <p>Unit 11: Aggression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aggression is one of the most critical social problems facing the world today, and psychologists are keen to understand its causes. How does a planned method to get what you want differ from an angry impulsive reaction?
Assessment	Short topic test at the end of each small topic.	Mock exam.	Short topic test at the end of each small topic.
CEIAG <i>(Careers that are linked to that topic)</i>	<p>Issues and debates in psychology is a unit which permits students to cast a critical eye over a number of subjects; skills which will aid them should they wish to continue their studies into further education.</p> <p>Gender is a topic which would aid students through a variety of interpersonal-based careers in particular those in a health care setting.</p>	<p>Issues and debates in psychology is a unit which permits students to cast a critical eye over a number of subjects; skills which will aid them should they wish to continue their studies into further education.</p> <p>Gender is a topic which would aid students through a variety of interpersonal-based careers in particular those in a health care setting.</p>	<p>Schizophrenia is a unit which has obvious applications to students who wish to continue their studies into fields such as medicine and health care professions.</p> <p>The aggression unit has proven popular with students that have pursued their interests into studying forensic psychology.</p>

	Spring term 2	Summer term 1	Summer term 2
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Assessment	Mock Exam.	Ongoing revision tasks.	
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Independent Study

Usually essay based, in order to give a full picture of a student's understanding. However, with the increasing use of Google Classroom and online learning tasks such as Seneca, shorter recall based tasks are also used.