

Year 13

A Level Psychology



1. Issues and Debates

This unit will focus on issues and debates in psychology. Students will develop an understanding of idiographic and nomothetic approaches to investigation and cover debates on gender bias, cultural bias, free will, determinism, nature, nurture, holism and reductionism, before being compared to one another.



2. Cognition and Development

This unit will focus on cognition and development. Students will develop a critical appreciation for Piaget, Vygotsky's and Baillargeon theory of cognitive development, moving onto understanding the development of social cognition in children.



3. Schizophrenia

This unit will focus on schizophrenia. Students will develop a critical appreciation of the classification of schizophrenia, whilst building on their knowledge of biological and psychological explanations and treatments in the context of this mental disorder.



6. Research Methods

Students will complete 'walk and talk' research method packs to consolidate their knowledge and understanding of the nature and principles of science, the processes of reporting scientific research, quantitative data analysis and inferential testing.



5. Assessment Window 1

Students will consolidate all the content from social influence, memory, attachment and psychopathology, completing a mock on A Level Psychology Paper 1: Introductory Topics in Psychology.



4. Aggression

This unit will focus on aggression. Students will build on their knowledge of biological and psychological explanations and treatments, applying these in the context of aggression. In addition, they will develop an understanding of evolutionary explanations; and situational and dispositional explanations in the context of institutions, concluding with understanding of media influences on aggression.



7. A Level Revision

Students will consolidate all the content from Paper 1, Paper 2 and Paper 3; this will involve repetition using class notes, as well as the completion of exam packs and regular mock exam papers and timed essay questions.



8. Assessment Window 2

Students will consolidate all the content from approaches in psychology, biopsychology, research methods, issues and debates, cognition and development, schizophrenia and aggression, completing a mock on A Level Psychology Paper 2: Psychology in Context and A Level Paper 3: Issues and Options in Psychology.



9. Exam Preparation and Boosters

Students will receive a series of booster lessons ahead of scheduled exams, as well as revision opportunities which will cover content across Paper 1, 2 and 3, preparing them for their final examinations.

CAREERS: at every available opportunity, teachers will introduce and promote careers' links to the topics being studied.