Subject: Psychology

Kay Stage 4 Curriculum Plan

Year: 11

Department Information:

Pearson Edexcel GCSE Psychology, 6 lessons a fortnight, home learning expectation 60 minutes per week.

Psychology teachers:
Mr Aston - Head of department for Psychology & Criminology
Mrs Thompson

Curriculum aims and intent:

In Year 11, students follow the Pearson Edexcel GCSE Psychology (9–1) specification.

Students will learn about the following concepts:
Research Methods
Development
Memory
Psychological Problems
Neuropsychology
Social Influence
Criminal psychology
Sleep and Dreaming

The course has considerable links to Mathematics, as students learn the key concepts underpinning psychological research. The GCSE course aims to teach critical thinking skills through analysis and evaluation of scientific research.

Assessment:

October assessment on Social and Psychological Problems out of 32.
November/December paper 1 mock out of 90.
March paper 2 mock out of 90.

Resources used to support learning:

Students can access all course content from this website:

https://tuxfordpsychology91.wordpress.com/welcome-to-gcse-psychology-9-1/

Home Learning:

Home learning will typically involve recall and retrieval, meaning short quizzes or creating mind maps. It will also include comprehension, when students will be given extended material that they are required to assess and analyse for information. An example of this may be Clive Wearing's diary entries in the memory topic.

How parents can help their child:

Purchase the GCSE Psychology textbook and assist students in revisiting material outside of lesson.

Develop understanding of psychological vocabulary with regular vocab tests at home.

Help students revise – buy flashcards for them to use and assist with verbal rehearsal of material to aid fluency.

Term	Summary of work being covered	Knowledge, Understanding and skills assessed	How the work is assessed	Career Links
1	Year 10 recap Social Influence	Obedience, conformity, personal and situational factors, deindividuation	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam materials	Social psychologist, public relations, marketing
2	Social Influence	Bystander effect, cultural differences in obedience and conformity, blind obedience	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam materials	Social psychologist, public relations, marketing
3	Criminal Psychology	Theories of criminality, learning theories and biological theories, methods of punishment, treatment options for offenders	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam materials	Forensic psychologist, police officer, prison officer, criminologist
4	Sleep and Dreaming	Functions and benefits of sleep, internal and external influences on sleep, theories of dreaming, Freudian interpretation of early development, sleep disorders	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam materials	Sleep researcher, sleep technician, health psychologist
5	Revision and exam practice			
6	Revision and exam practice			