Subject: Psychology **Kay Stage 5 Curriculum Plan** **Year:** 12

Department Information:

Pearson Edexcel A-Level Psychology, 8 lessons a fortnight, home learning expectation to complete wider reading as provided by the department.

Psychology teachers:
Mr Aston – Head of department for Psychology and Criminology
Mr Colville

Curriculum aims and intent:

In Year 12 & 13, students follow the Pearson Edexcel A-Level Psychology specification.

Students will learn about the following concepts:
Social Psychology
Cognitive Psychology
Biological Psychology
Learning Theories
Issues & Debates
Research Methods

The course has links to Mathematics and Science, as students learn the key concepts underpinning research, as well as the structure and function of the brain.

Students will explore how biological, cognitive and social factors influence behaviour, with a specific focus on real world application. The

Assessment:

November assessment on Social and Cognitive Psychology out of 36.
January assessment on Biological Psychology out of 36.
May mock incorporating Social, Cognitive, Biological and Learning Theories out of 90.

Resources used to support learning:

The following website is beneficial alongside course content:

PSYCHOLOGY WIZARD - Psychology Wizard home

Students will also be provided with a reading list in their first week of study.

Home Learning:

Home learning can involve reviewing assessment questions in green pen, completing exam questions, extended reading and annotation on classic studies or reading around the subject matter – these extended reading materials will be provided to students at the start of the year. Students will sometimes be given flipped learning, meaning they pre-read material to then use in class. An example is completing pre-reading on animal rights in psychological research before debating

How parents can help their child:

Purchase the A-Level textbooks and books on the reading list provided to students.

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	Social Psychology	Theories of obedience and prejudice, explanations for conflict, obedience across culture and gender	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	Social psychologist, advertising and marketing
2	Social Psychology	Milgram, Sherif, Burger, statistical testing and practical research project	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	
3	Cognitive Psychology	Theories of memory, eyewitness testimony, Baddeley, Schmolck, case studies, statistical testing and practical research project	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	Cognitive psychologist, educational psychologist
4	Biological Psychology	Structure and function of the brain, explanations for aggression inclusive of neurotransmitters, drugs, Freudian theory, evolution natural & selection	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	Neuroscientist, psychiatrist
5	Biological Psychology	Raine, Brendgen, statistical testing and practical research project	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	
6	Learning Theories	Classical conditioning, operant conditioning, social learning theory, phobias and systematic desensitisation, Watson & Rayner, Capafons, statistical testing and practical research project	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	Behaviour therapist, educational psychologist, ABA therapist