Subject: Psychology

Kay Stage 5 Curriculum Plan

Year: 13

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
Clinical Psychology
Child Psychology
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.

Assessment:

November paper 1 mock out of 90 incorporating year 12 topics out of 90.
December assessment on Clinical Psychology out of 54.
February assessment on Child Psychology out of 37.
April Paper 3 mock out of 80.

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	Clinical psychology	Classification systems, theories and treatments for schizophrenia, Rosenhan and being sane in insane places	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	Clinical psychologist, mental health nurse, psychotherapist
2	Clinical psychology	Theories and treatments for depression, statistical testing and practical research project	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	
3	Child psychology	Attachment, day care, autism, Ainsworth, Van Ijzendoorn and Kroonenberg	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	Educational psychologist, child psychologist, SENCO, social worker
4	Child psychology	Deprivation and privation, statistical testing and practical research project	Topic tests drawn from pre-existing Edexcel exam material	
5	Revision			
6	Revision			