

Plan Of Learning For The Year (Unit/Topic/Project Context)

Half Term 1

- A level approaches in psychology
- A level biopsychology
- Research Methods and the Scientific Approach

Half Term 2

- Schizophrenia
- Research Methods and the Scientific Approach

Half Term 3

- Forensic psychology
- Gender

Half Term 4

- Forensic psychology
- Issues and Debates

Half Term 5

- Revision and external examinations

Half Term 6

- Revision and external examinations

Issues and Debates runs throughout the course

Feedback, Retrieval & Assessment

- In class recap quizzes and questions
- Weekly homework and independent work activities
- Termly teacher assessment
- Termly formal assessment
- Self and peer assessment
- Student/teacher one-to-one discussions

Super curriculum opportunities / extra-curricular activities

- Use Tutor2U to access topic videos and free online courses such as Mastering Maths in Psychology.
- Complete Seneca assignments and assessments available for all aspects of the curriculum
- Read articles from Psychology Review
- Read Psychology In the News articles (Tutor2U)
- Exam workshops and Student conferences

Cultural Capital, SMSC, Careers and Futures

- Examination of cross-cultural research and imposed ethics
- Consider and manage ethical issues in psychological and socially sensitive research
- Understanding the role of psychology in the economy
- Knowledge of relevant careers developed throughout the course
- Understanding the role of individuals in a team
- Debating a range of psychological topics and issues

Common misconceptions

- Concepts of validity, reliability, positive and negative reinforcement, positive and negative punishment.
- Research Methods comprises 25% of the A level qualification
- Mathematical skills comprise 10% of the A level qualification
- Analysis and evaluation skills comprises 36- 38% of the A level qualification

Connecting New Knowledge

- Links made to prior learning, concepts and approaches when starting new topics.
- Revisiting key issues and debates through different topics
- Identifying synoptic links to criminology / sociology

Challenge for all

- Regular use of modelling answers and planning of questions.
- Regular use of scaffolds and structured practice
- Individualised feedback with clearly identified next steps and strategies to improve.
- Extension reading and research opportunities.