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Curriculum Overview 2024-2025 Subject: Psychology

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Year 13	Revisit Approaches Preparation for Milestone Assessment 1 Comparison of approaches		**Biopsychology** Localisation of brain function Brain plasticity Ways of studying the brain. Split brain research. Biological rhythms Endogenous pacemakers and Exogeneous zeitgebers, sleep/wake cycle. Revisit Yr 12 Bio-psychology. **Research Methods** Revision of different research methods Aims and hypotheses Revisit Year 12 Research methods						**Schizophrenia** Classification and diagnosis Biological explanations of sz, including genetics, the dopamine hypothesis and neural correlates. Drug therapy, distinguishing between typical and atypical antipsychotics. Psychological explanations of sz: Family dysfunction and cognitive explanations. Cognitive behaviour therapy, family therapy, Token economy Diathesis stress model **Issues and Debates** **Culture bias** History of mental illness **Research Methods** Reliability and validity. Conventions of report writing and peer review Correlation And correlational tests Stress Project						Revise Paper 2	INTERNAL EXAMS Paper 2 Psychology in Context **Addiction** Risk Factors: genetics, stress, personality, family influences and peers. Learning theory as applied to Gambling Addiction, including the use of partial and variable reinforcement. cognitive theory as applied to gambling Theory of planned behaviour Prochaska's model of behaviour change. Recreational drug use **Research Methods** Inferential statistics Probability and significance Choice of statistical tests Type 1 and 2 errors Psych as a science Design a study Practical Revisit Paper 1, weekly Knowledge checks; Social Influence						**Gender** Sex and gender, Androgyny Biological explanations of gender differences Cognitive gender theories; Gender schema theory and Kohlberg's theory. Social learning theory used to explain the influence of cultural and media Psychodynamic theory Atypical gender development. **Issues and Debates** **Gender bias** WOKE discussion/ Freedom of speech Revisit Paper 1, weekly Knowledge checks; Memory Attachment				**Exam Paper 3** **Issues and debates** Freewill/ determinism, nature/ nurture, holism/ reductionism/ idiographic/ nomothetic approaches Socially sensitive research and ethics **Synoptic links** Different psychological perspectives applied to explanations and treatments of schizophrenia, OCD, Depression and Phobias Revisit Paper 1, weekly Knowledge checks; Psychopathology				**Revision of Paper 1** **Social influence** **Memory** **Attachment** **Psychopathology** **Mock Exam P1**				**A level Exams**								

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	Subject Induction Introduction to Psychology as a science, use of empirical evidence. Approaches.		**Social Influence Conformity** to a majority Types, explanations and research into conformity- Asch Conformity to social roles- Zimbardo Explanations of obedience- Milgram Dispositional explanations of obedience- Adorno Minority influence and social change Link to war in Ukraine/ Gaza and leadership					MS1 Rev	**Memory** Coding, capacity and duration Models of memory: Multistore and Working memory models. Explanations of forgetting: Interference and Retrieval Failure. Factors affecting the Accuracy of Eye Witness Testimony: Misleading information and Anxiety. Cognitive interview. Bystander Apathy					**Attachment** stages and types Attachment Theories; Learning and Bowlby Ainsworth's Strange situation- measurement Effects of Deprivation and institutionalisation Long term consequences Implications for day care			**Approaches** in psychology, assumptions and research. Behaviourist Approach Social Learning Theory Cognitive Approach Influence of the media			Biological Approach Bio-psychology	MS 2 Rev	**Psychopathology** Definitions of abnormality Explanation and treatments of; Phobias- behavioural Depression- cognitive OCD- Biological					**Memory Sign Test Project**		**Revision Paper 1**		Internal Exam	**Year 12- 13 bridge** Approaches Psychodynamic Humanistic approaches Eating Disorders independent study				Work Experience		
	Research methods introduction to different methods		**Hypotheses**- Directional/ non Experiments- Independent and dependent variables Ethical issues is psychological research Sampling techniques						Reliability and validity Control of variables Experimental design Types of experiment					**Observation studies** Self- report methods Correlational research Correlational tests			**Pilot studies Types of data Descriptive statistics** Measures of dispersion Standard deviation **Distributions**- normal and skewed					**Case Study Self-Report**- questionnaires and Interviews. **Implications of psychological research on the economy**					**Sign test and Memory research project** **Report writing conventions**		**Peer review Revision and embedding Research Methods**			Content Analysis Gender project					