

## Year 12 Curriculum Map for Psychology

	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		Term 4		Term 5		Term 6	
	Topic(s): The biological approach	Aim of A&R	Topic(s): The psychodynamic approach	Aim of A&R	Topic(s): The behaviourist approach	Aim of A&R	Topic(s): The cognitive approach	Aim of A&R	Topic(s): The positive approach	Aim of A&R	Topic(s): Component two (most is integrated throughout the course at the opportune time)	Aim of EoY
<b>'Big idea(s)' / fundamental concepts</b>	How the biological approach explains, treats, and researches human behaviour  Behaviour is inherited and innate; due to biological/physical processes.  Biological determinism	Practice exam questions – 4, 8, 10, 12, 16, 24 marks (mixture) every one-two weeks; end of topic tests after each approach	How the psychodynamic approach explains, treats and researches human behaviour  The adult personality forms due to childhood experiences  Psychic determinism	As before	How the behaviourist approach explains, treats and researches human behaviour  Behaviour is formed through interactions with our environment and social world.  Environmental determinism	As before	How the cognitive approach explains, treats and researches human behaviour.  Behaviour is driven by internal mental thought processes.  Cognitive determinism	As before	How the positive approach advises humans to use their own free will to enjoy life.  Humans have free will and signature strengths (similar to Humanistic psychology).	As before	How psychologists conduct research on human behaviour.  Research methods and their strengths and weaknesses.	Component two practice questions – novel scenarios
<b>Knowledge to be learnt</b>	Assumptions x 3 Application to a variety of behaviours i.e. depression/schizophrenia Therapy – drug therapy Research – Raine et al. (1997) Contemporary debate – the ethics of neuroscience Evaluating the approach		Assumptions x 3 Application to a variety of behaviours i.e. criminal behaviour/homosexuality Therapy – dream analysis Therapy – psychoanalysis Research – Bowlby (1944) Contemporary debate – the mother as the primary care giver on an infant Evaluating the approach		Assumptions x 3 Application to a variety of behaviours i.e. aggression/phobias Therapy – aversion therapy Research – Watson & Rayner (1920) Contemporary debate – using conditioning techniques on children Evaluating the approach		Assumptions x 3 Application to a variety of behaviours i.e. relationship formation Therapy – Cognitive behavioural therapy Research – Loftus & Palmer (1974) Contemporary debate – the reliability of eyewitness testimony Evaluating the approach		Assumptions x 3 Therapy – mindfulness Research – Myers & Diener (1995) Contemporary debate – the relevance of positive psychology in today's society Evaluating the approach		Research methods Research design Sampling Ethics Validity Reliability Milgram Kohlberg Zimbardo	
<b>Key vocabulary</b>	Neurotransmitters Synapse Serotonin Dopamine The Environment of Evolutionary Adaptation Lobes of brain x 4 PET scans Determinism versus free will Reductionism versus holism Nature versus nurture Nomothetic versus idiographic Scientific versus non-scientific		Id, ego, superego (the tripartite personality) The psychosexual stages Oedipus Complex The unconscious mind Defence mechanisms Case studies Maternal deprivation hypothesis The pleasure principle The reality principle The morality principle False memory syndrome		Classical conditioning Operant conditioning Tabula rasa Empirical data Operationalise Token economy Covert sensitisation		Computer analogy Introspection The halo effect Cognitive triad Schemas Dysfunctional thought diary Cognitive restructuring Flashbulb memory Post-event information Mediational processes Retrieval cues		Free will Signature strengths The good life Mindful breathing Subjective wellbeing Individualist culture Collectivist culture Intervening variables		Ecological validity Population validity Historical validity Internal validity/external validity Concurrent validity Construct validity Face validity Internal reliability External reliability Mean, median, mode, range, standard deviation Ethical guidelines in psychology Experimental group/control group	
<b>The role of reading</b>	Journal articles – Raine, Buchsbaum & LaCasse; Libet AS textbook		Journal articles – Little Hans; Bowlby AS textbook		Journal articles – Watson & Rayner; McAllister; Lazarus; Bandura AS textbook		Journal articles – Loftus & Palmer; Griffiths AS textbook		Journal articles; Myers & Diener AS textbook		Journal articles AS textbook	
<b>The role of maths/ numeracy</b>	Component two embedded (mathematical element to this part of the course)		As before		As before		As before		As before		Mean, median, mode, range, standard deviation. Statistical tests – Chi squared, Spearman's rank, Wilcoxon, Mann Whitney, Sign test.	
<b>Links to careers/ aspirations</b>	Researcher – neuroscience Psychology at university		Psychodynamic therapy Psychology at university		Teaching – use of conditioning techniques Psychology at university		Counselling – CBT Psychology at university		Psychology at university Army – mindfulness		Research Psychology at university	
<b>Core skills</b>  <i>A skill is a performance built on what a person knows</i>	AO1 – knowledge and understanding AO2 – application of K&O AO3 – evaluation and interpretation		As before		As before		As before		As before		As before Mathematical skills	

Dept. enrichment activities	Online research – cases of brain damaged patients Videos on brain damaged patients Research into neuroscience Studying recalled exam papers		Research dream analysis Psychosexual stages in detail Case study of little Hans Studying recalled exam papers		Pavlov dogs simulation on Nobel prize website Studying recalled exam papers		STM test LOP memory test Innocence project for EWT TED talk Elizabeth Loftus EWT		Seligman's website Happiness questionnaire TED talk Seligman		N/A
Home learning opportunities	Media representations of schizophrenia e.g. A Beautiful Mind Subscription to Psychology Review magazine Additional journal articles from Google Scholar		Flipped learning – apply assumptions to a variety of behaviours Subscription to Psychology Review magazine Additional journal articles from Google Scholar		Subscription to Psychology Review magazine Additional journal articles from Google Scholar		Subscription to Psychology Review magazine Additional journal articles from Google Scholar		Subscription to Psychology Review magazine Additional journal articles from Google Scholar		N/A