A Level Psychology

Aim: To enhance knowledge of a range of complex issues including personal awareness and growth, whilst developing the ethos of the school through tolerance and empathy. To analyse Psychological approaches and their influence on society that allows students to make links between what they have learned in class and real-life contexts.

Year 13 Summer

Revision of Year 13 topics

Revision of Year 12 topics

Review Issues and Debates - Exam practice

Year 13 Spring

Cognition and Development
What is Piaget and Vygotsky's theories of Cognitive development? How can we explain early infant ability and social cognition?

Schizophrenia
What is Schizophrenia and what are the issues with diagnosis? How does it develop Biologically and Psychology? How can it be treated?

Time management skills of 16 mark essay writing

Addiction
What are the risk factors of addiction? How can we explain addiction to nicotine and gambling? How can we reduce and change addictive behaviour?

Inferential statistics
What is meant by probability and significance? How do we select the appropriate statistical test?

Year 13 Autumn

Application of research methods terminology in evaluation

Biopsychology
How does biology control our behavior? What is neurochemistry? How do brain scans work? What areas of the brain our localized? Why is our body clock powerful?

Research Methods
How do we research humans safely? What methods of research exist? Can I assess data statistically?

Year 12 Summer

Independent revision exam packs utilised

Memory
What is our memory capacity? What factors affect memory? How does memory impact eyewitness testimony?

Psychopathology
How do individuals develop Depression, Phobias and OCD? What are the effects? How can the disorders be treat?

Year 12 Spring

Application of debates in to theory and evaluation

Attachment
How do attachments form and why are they needed? What happens if attachment is disrupted? Does childhood impact adult relationships?

Approaches and Issues/Debates
Where did Psychology originate? How is behaviour explained? Who are the main Psychologists and what are their perspectives?

Year 12 Autumn

Introduction to AO1, AO2, AO3 skills and Research Methods

Social influence
Why do people comply / obey? How can the minority influence the majority?

Introduction to Psychology
How to take notes? How to organise my studies.