

Psychology at Samuel Whitbread Academy
Curriculum Sequencing

Year 12:

Course	Year	Term	Big Ideas	Subject Learning Checklist
Psychology	12	Term 1 63 hours available	Research methods	Experiments Ethics Non-experimental methods Sampling Data types & analysing data publication and wider impact
			Approaches	Origins of psychology Learning approach Cognitive approach Biological approach Psychodynamic approach Humanistic approach Comparison of approaches
			Psychopathology	Definitions of abnormality Phobias OCD Depression
		Term 2 54 hours	Attachment	Early attachment and attachment development Role of the father Types of attachment Cultural variations in attachment Explanations of attachment Effect of attachment in later relationships Maternal deprivation and institutionalised children
			Memory	Multi store model of memory

				<p>Types of long-term memory</p> <p>Conformity Obedience Resisting social influence Minority influence Social change</p>
		<p>Term 3 40 prior to IPE exams & work experience.</p>	<p>Social influence</p> <p>Memory</p> <p>Research methods</p> <p>Biopsychology</p> <p>Issues and debates</p>	<p>The working memory models Explanation of forgetting Factors affecting EWT</p> <p>Is psychology a science Non-experimental methods Validity Reliability</p> <p>Nervous system and neuron communication Endocrine system Studying the brain Localisation and lateralisation of the brain Bodily rhythms</p> <p>Gender and culture bias Holism/reductionism Free will vs determinism Nature vs nurture Idiographic vs nomothetic Ethical implications</p>

Year 13:

Course	Year	Term	Big Ideas	Subject Learning Checklist
Psychology	13	Term 1 54 hours ahead of year 13 IPE exams	Research methods Biopsychology Issues and debates Schizophrenia Aggression	Statistical testing Psychological reports Bodily rhythms Ethical implications Classification and diagnosis Biological explanations Biological treatments Psychological explanations Psychological treatments Social psychological theories of aggression Biological explanation of aggression Evolutionary & ethological explanations
		Term 2 54 hours	Schizophrenia Aggression Relationships	Interactionist approach Diagnosis and classification revisited Institutional aggression Media and aggression Evolutionary explanation for partner preference Factors affecting attraction Theories of romantic relationships Relationship breakdown Virtual relationships Parasocial relationships

		Term 3 Approx 22-27 hours before leaving for study leave.	Revision	Revisiting material Retrieval tasks Exam prep Exam application