

HALF TERM 6 CURRICULUM CONTENT – Key Stage 5 Psychology

Intent statement:

A-Level Psychology at Westfield Academy is ambitious, challenging and rigorous. The intention behind this is to raise expectations from Key Stage 4 and prepare the students for life beyond Westfield Academy. Students will become independent learners, who will be able to think critically and apply their knowledge to situations beyond the curriculum.

Year 12

Topics	Research Methods / Biopsychology
Prior knowledge / skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research studies ● Mathematical knowledge - correlations, measures of central tendency ● Biological approach ● Central nervous system ● Fight and flight ● Structure of a neuron ● Localisation of functions ● Hemispheric lateralisation
Key concepts / knowledge / skills covered this half term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research methods: ethical issues, types of experiments, sampling, pilot studies, observational studies and techniques, self-report techniques correlation, central tendencies. ● Key words: The Central nervous system, peripheral nervous system, somatic nervous system, sensory neurons, motor neurons and relay neurons, somatosensory area, split brain research. ● Evaluation of research and theories ● Introduction to Biopsychology
Assessment	<p>The assessment will take at the end of June - UCAS exams. Students need to revise in preparation for this. The following topics will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Key terminology and studies ● Social Influence ● Memory ● Attachment ● Psychopathology ● Research methods

Personal Development opportunities	Insight into different ways of seeing one phenomenon. Mental disorders and the impact it has on everyday lives.
Homework requirements	Homework will be set on Google Classroom every lesson and will take an hour to complete. This will vary between pre-reading in preparation for lessons, research tasks, application tasks, consolidation of learning and revision.

Year 13

Topics	Revision for summer examinations
Prior knowledge / skills	All topics have now been delivered. Students will use this time to revise, consolidate any areas of weakness and practise past papers.
Key concepts / knowledge / skills covered this half term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paper 3 mock - timed and in-class (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues and debates ○ Relationships ○ Schizophrenia ○ Forensic psychology ● Tips and reminders for exam success
Assessment	<p>Summer examinations will take place on the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paper 1: Friday 17th May (AM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social influence ○ Memory ○ Attachment ○ Psychopathology ● Paper 2: Wednesday 22nd May (AM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approaches in psychology ○ Biopsychology ○ Research methods ● Paper 3: Monday 3rd June (PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues and debates ○ Relationships ○ Schizophrenia ○ Forensic psychology <p>NB: Research Methods will come up in all papers, so please be prepared for this. Also remember to bring a calculator with you in the exams.</p>
Personal Development opportunities	Synoptic links & reasoning. Critical analysis & evaluation of key research ideas & theories. Links to real life scenarios & situations.
Homework requirements	Homework will be set on Google Classroom every lesson and will take an hour to complete. This will vary between pre-reading in preparation for lessons, research tasks, application tasks, consolidation of learning and revision.