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PSYCHOLOGY

Head of Department	Ms Choudhury	
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Lessons per 2 week cycle	5 lessons	
Specification/Board details/Key stage	OCR Psychology GCSE KS4 (Year 10)	

Term by term

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Criminal Psychology Research Methods	Criminal Psychology Research Methods	Developmental Psychology Research Methods
Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Developmental Psychology Research Methods	Psychological Problems Research Methods	Psychological Problems Research Methods

Key Skills developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fostering scientific literacy - Encourage critical and reflective thinking - Promote empathy and appreciation for diversity - Develop communication and collaboration skills - Prepare for further study and career exploration
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Specification/Board details/Key stage	OCR Psychology GCSE KS4 (Year 11)	

Term by term

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Social Influence Research Methods	Memory Research Methods	Sleep and Dreaming Research Methods
Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sleep and Dreaming Research Methods	All Topics Revision for summer exams	

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Lessons per 2 week cycle	12 lessons	
Specification/Board details/Key stage	AQA Psychology A-Level KS5 (Year 12)	

Term by term

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Approaches in Psychology Research Methods	Social Influence & Memory Research Methods	Memory & Attachment Research Methods
Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Psychopathology Research Methods	Research Methods	Biopsychology


Key Skills developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of a scientific understanding of psychology - Critical and analytical thinking - Knowledge of key psychological approaches and concepts - Application of psychology to real-world contexts - Development of research skills and ethical awareness - Preparing of pupils' for future studies and careers - Cultivating a lifelong interest in psychology and human behaviour
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Biopsychology Research Methods	Issues and Debates Relationships	Schizophrenia Forensic Psychology
Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Forensic Psychology Research Methods	All Topics Revision for summer exams	

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