

Psychology Curriculum learning journey



St Michael's Catholic School

AQA
Realising potential

Year 13 final exams – 3 papers (2 hours each)



Revision and exam preparation

Review and development of all Y12 Research methods content

Research methods

scientific processes and techniques of data handling and analysis and their strengths + limitations

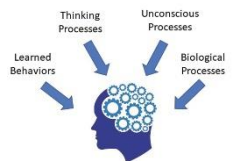


Internal assessment - March

Revision and exam preparation

Addiction

Physical and psychological dependence, risk factors, reducing addiction



Insight into cognitive, behavioural, learning, biological, psychodynamic, humanistic approaches

Year 12



What is Psychology?

Introduction to Psychology with key focus on building strong foundation of knowledge relating to key concepts that underly A-Level course. Establish assessment objectives.

Social Influence

Types of conformity, explanations of obedience, Minority influence, Role of social influence



Investigations by Asch, Zimbardo, Milgram into processes impacting human behavior.

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Memory

The multi-store model of memory, Types of long-term memory, The working memory model, Explanations for forgetting

Aims, hypothesis, sampling, Descriptive statistics, probability and significance, statistical testing

Knowledge of Scientific processes, data handling and analysis, inferential testing

Year 13

Clinical Psychology and Mental Health

Definitions in the field of mental health including the behavioural, emotional and cognitive characteristics of: -OCD - Depression -Phobias

Attachment

Explanations of attachment, Caregiver-infant interactions in humans, Animal studies, maternal deprivation.

Approaches in Psychology

Origins of Psychology, Comparison of approaches

Are treatments of psychological disorders effective?

Knowledge check test

End of Year 12 Mock Testing all year 12 content

Insight from Biological, psychological and cognitive approaches. Forms of therapies to treat disorder

Ways of studying the brain: scanning techniques. fMRI, EEGs, ERPs, Recovery of the brain after trauma

Bio- Psychology

Divisions of the nervous and endocrine system, Localisation of function in the brain and hemispheric lateralisation, Biological rhythms

Schizophrenia

Classification of Schizophrenia, Positive and negative symptoms, living with Schizophrenia

Revision and exam preparation

Relationships

Evolutionary explanations, virtual relationships, parasocial relationships

Do relationships work like a business investment?

Mock exam – December

Issues and debates:

Gender and culture bias, Free will and determinism, Holism vs. reductionism, Idiographic vs. nomothetic

Knowledge check test

Ethical implications of research studies and theory including reference to social sensitivity

Accuracy of eyewitness testimony and how this impacts social justice. Improving EWT.

DON'T FORGET

Knowledge check test

Department intent: The Psychology curriculum seeks to develop students' knowledge and understanding of human behaviour by unpacking perspectives on a range of topics such as social influence, psychopathology, relationships, addiction etc. whilst empowering students to have a greater appreciation and awareness of the world around them.