

Psychology Topic Workbook

Year 12		
4 lessons per week		2 lessons per week
Autumn 1	Approaches in Psychology (workbook 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The origins of psychology ▪ Behaviourism ▪ Social Learning Theory ▪ Cognitive Approach ▪ Biological Approach 	Research Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Types of data ▪ Measures of central tendency and measures of dispersion ▪ Graphs ▪ Ethical issues
Autumn 2	Social Influence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conformity and variations of Asch ▪ Obedience and variations of Milgram ▪ Situational and dispositional explanations ▪ Resistance to social influence ▪ Minority Influence ▪ Social Change 	Research Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Experimental methods ▪ Experimental designs ▪ Experimental issues ▪ Sampling ▪ Pilot studies
Spring 1	Attachment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Caregiver-infant interactions ▪ Stages of attachment ▪ Role of the father ▪ Animal studies ▪ Explanations of attachment ▪ Types of attachment ▪ Cultural variations ▪ Maternal deprivation ▪ Institutionalisation ▪ Effect on later relationships 	Research Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Observational techniques ▪ Observational designs ▪ Self-report techniques ▪ Self-report designs ▪ Correlations
Spring 2	Memory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coding, capacity, duration of memory ▪ Multi-store model ▪ Long-term memory ▪ Working memory model ▪ Explanations for forgetting ▪ Eyewitness testimony ▪ Cognitive interview 	Research Methods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Case studies ▪ Content analysis ▪ Peer review ▪ Psychological research and the economy
Summer 1	Psychopathology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definitions of abnormality ▪ Characteristics of phobias ▪ Behaviourist: explaining and treating phobias ▪ Characteristics of depression ▪ Cognitive: explaining and treating depression ▪ Characteristics of OCD ▪ Biological: explaining and treating OCD 	
Summer 2	Approaches (2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Psychodynamic ▪ Humanistic ▪ Comparison of Approaches 	

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Autumn 1	Biopsychology	Research Methods
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The nervous system and endocrine system ▪ Neurons and synaptic transmission ▪ Fight or flight response ▪ Localisation ▪ Lateralisation ▪ Plasticity ▪ Studying the brain ▪ Biological rhythms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sign test ▪ Statistical tests ▪ Probability and significance
Autumn 2	Forensics	Research Methods
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Offender profiling ▪ Atavistic form ▪ Genetic and neural explanations ▪ Eysenck's theory ▪ Cognitive explanations ▪ Differential association theory ▪ Psychodynamic explanations ▪ Custodial sentencing ▪ Dealing with offending behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving reliability and validity ▪ Psychological reports ▪ Referencing ▪ Designing a study
Spring 1	Relationships	Issues & Debates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evolutionary explanations ▪ Factors affecting attraction ▪ Social exchange theory ▪ Equity theory ▪ Rusbult's investment model ▪ Duck's phase model ▪ Virtual relationships ▪ Parasocial relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gender bias ▪ Culture bias ▪ Free will – Determinism ▪ Nature – Nurture
Spring 2	Schizophrenia	Issues & Debates
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Diagnosis and classification ▪ Biological and psychological explanations ▪ Biological and psychological treatments ▪ Management of schizophrenia ▪ Interactionist approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holism – Reductionism ▪ Idiographic – nomothetic ▪ Ethical implications
Summer 1	Revision	