Psychology KS5 Curriculum Map 2024/25

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
12	Topic 1: Psychopathology Definitions of abnormality Characteristics of phobias Characteristics of depression Characteristics of OCD Phobias (behaviourist explanations and treatment of the pression (cognitive explanations and treatment occ) (biological explanations and treatment occ)	eatments)	Topic: Social Influence Conformity (types & explanations) Conformity - Asch Conformity - Zimbardo Obedience - Milgram Obedience - Sit variables Obedience - Psych factors Resistance to social influence Minority influence	Topic: Memory Coding, capacity, duration Multi Store Model (MSM) Types of LTM Working Memory Model (WMM) Forgetting Factors affecting EWT Improving EWT - Cognitive Interview	Topic: Attachment Caregiver-infant interactions Stages of attachment (Schaffer) Animal studies (Lorenz & Harlow) Learning theory explanations Bowlby's monotropic theory Ainsworth's Strange Situation and types of attachment Cultural variations	Research Methods Completion of research methods
	Topic 2: Approaches Origins (Wundt) Behaviourism Social Learning Theory Cognitive approach Biological approach Psychodynamic approach Humanistic approach Comparison of approaches		Social change		Bowlby's maternal deprivation hypothesis Influence of early attachment on later relationships	
3	Topic: Biopsychology Nervous system Neurons and synaptic transmission Endocrine system Fight or flight response Brain – localisation Brain – hemispheric lateralisation (including split brain research) Brain – language centre Brain – plasticity and functional recovery Biological rhythms (circadian, infradian, ultradian) Endogenous pacemakers and exogenous zeitgebers	Topic: Issues and Debates Gender bias Cultural bias Free will vs determinism Nature vs nurture Holism vs reductionism Idiographic vs nomothetic Ethical implications	Topic: Relationships Evolutionary explanations for partner preference Factors affecting attraction (self-disclosure, physical attractiveness, filter theory) Theories of romantic relationships (social exchange theory, equity theory, Rusbult's investment model) Virtual relationships Duck's theory of relationship breakdown Parasocial relationships	Topic: Schizophrenia Classification & symptoms (incl. reliability & validity issues) Biological explanations & treatments Psychological explanations & treatments Managing schizophrenia (token economies) The interactionist explanation & treatments	Topic: Forensic psychology Offender profiling Biological explanations (atavistic, genetic, neural) Psychological explanations (Esenck's personality theory, cognitive, psychodynamic, differential association theory) Dealing with offending behaviour (custodial sentencing, behaviour modification, anger management, restorative justice)	Revision