English Martyrs' Curriculum Map - Psychology 2021 - 2022

Year	Autumn I	Autumn 2	Spring I	Spring 2	Summer I	Summer 2
Year 12	Research Methods	-Memory	Social Influence	Approaches including	Revision	Research Methods
		Types of LTM	Minority influence	biopsychology	-All previous topics	
	-Experimental Method	-Explanations for forgetting	-Social influence and social change	Psychopathology		-Features of science
	-Control of variables		5th Jan -7th Jan			-Reliability
	-Hypotheses	Factors affecting EWT		Psychology and the economy -		-Validity
	-Problems with	-Improving EWT	Approaches including	assessment		-Reporting on psychological
	experiments	25 th Oct -3 rd Nov	Biopsychology+	21st Feb -24th Feb		investigations
	-Sampling	Attachments	Psychopathology			Practical research Project
	-Ethical issues	-Caregiver -infant interactions	Approaches			-Statistical tests
	-Observations	-Stages of attachment	-The origins of psychology	Revision		-Probability
	-Self-report	-Animal studies	- The behaviourist approach	-All previous topics		
	-Correlations	-Explanations of attachment	-Social learning theory	28 th Feb		
	-Maths skills	-Types of attachment				
	27 th Aug – 5 th Oct	-Cultural variations in attachment	Psychopathology			
		-Romanian orphan studies	-Definitions of abnormality			
	Memory	-Influence of early attachment on	-Mental Disorders			
		childhood and adult relationships	-Behavioural explanations for			
	-Multi-store and	4th Nov -30th Nov	phobias			
	working memory	Social Influence				
	models		Psychopathology			
	-	-Types of conformity	-Behavioural approach to treating			
	6 th Oct – 15 th Oct	-Explanations for conformity	phobias			
		-Variables affecting conformity	-Cognitive approach to explaining			
			and treating depression			
		-Conformity to social roles	-Biological approach to explaining			
		-Situational variables affecting obedience	and treating OCD			
		-Explanations for obedience				
		-The Authoritarian Personality	Approaches			
		- Resistance to social influence	-Cognitive approach			
			-Biological approach			
		Ist Dec- 20 th Dec				
			Biopsychology			
			-The nervous system			
			-Neurons and synaptic			
			transmission			
			-The endocrine system			
			-The fight or flight response			
			7 th Jan -23 rd Feb			
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13	Research Methods	Biopsychology			Revision	Revision
		-Localisation of function	-Dealing with offending behaviour	Revision		
	-Case studies	-Lateralisation and split brain research	Jan 5th – Jan 13th			
	-Content analysis	-Ways of studying the brain	Relationships			
	-Non-parametric tests	-Circadian rhythms	-Evolutionary explanations			
	of difference	-Ultradian and infradian rhythms	-Physical attractiveness			
	-Parametric tests of	-Endogenous and exogenous	-Self-disclosure			
	difference	pacemakers	-Filter theory			
	-Test of correlation	25th Oct -10th Nov	Relationships			
	-Chi-Squared	Schizophrenia	-Equity theory			
	27th Aug – 8th Sept	-Classification of schizophrenia	-Social exchange theory			
	Approaches	-Reliability and validity	-Investment model			
	-Psychodynamic	-Biological explanations for	-Relationship breakdown			
	approach	schizophrenia	-Virtual relationships			
	-Humanistic approach	-Drug therapy	-Parasocial relationships			
	-Comparison of	-Psychological explanations	Jan 14th -4th Feb			
	approaches	-CBTp and family therapy				
	9 th Sep – 17 th Sep	Schizophrenia	Revision			
		-Token economies				
	Issues and debates	-Interactionist approach				
		11th Nov – 7 th Dec				
	-Free will vs					
	determinism	Forensic Psychology				
	-Nature vs nurture	-Offender profiling – top down and				
	-Reductionism vs free	bottom up				
	will	-Biological explanations				
	-Idiographic vs	(historical, genetic and neural)				
	nomothetic approach	-Psychological explanations (Eysenck's				
		theory, Cognitive, differential				
	Issues and debates	association theory, psychodynamic)				
	-Gender bias	8th Dec- 20th Dec				
	-Culture bias					
	-Ethical implications of	-				
	psychological research					
	20th Sep – 15th Oct					

Rationale for the Curriculum Map: Implementation (Sequential Approach) The curriculum in psychology builds on knowledge and skills developed in KS3 and 4 particularly in the area of the natural sciences (e.g. the basic scientific method), mathematics (e.g. percentages), English (e.g. essay writing) and Humanities (e.g. History of the Holocaust etc). In terms of the curriculum in Year 12 and 13 Psychology, topics are covered in a certain order to provide a holistic experience i.e. for students to discover the bigger picture of how different areas of psychology fit together to explain real life events.

Year 12 - Research Methods are taught first to provide the opportunity to develop critical analysis, practical, mathematical and problem —solving skills. Skills evident in lower Key Stages. Inferential analysis and distributions are taught which are not delivered at KS4. Human memory is next as it delivers career options e.g. Criminal Justice system as well as an opportunity to cover knowledge that can improve memory e.g. capacity of STM and mnemonic strategies such as organisation and imagery. Human attachments are next as again the curriculum develops interest and enthusiasm for sensitive topics such as maternal deprivation. Finishing with the combination of Approaches and Psychopathology so students can combine knowledge with application to mental health. This also introduces careers such as cognitive neuroscience, clinical psychology etc . Year 13 builds on the knowledge and skills acquired during Year 12. Research methods complete mathematical skills. Then Approaches covering Freud's theory of psychoanalysis so students may appreciate the 'bigger picture'. Biopsychology provides students with great insight into careers in medicine together with the next topic of Schizophrenia. Forensic Psychology stimulates further enthusiasm for careers. Finishing with Human relationships. All topics are sequenced in terms of a logical progression.