

Westfield Academy - Curriculum Information

The intent of GCSE Psychology is to develop students' understanding of human behaviour, mental processes, and the factors that shape individual and group actions. We strive to equip students with a foundational knowledge of psychological concepts, theories, and research methods, empowering them to think critically and apply psychological principles to real-world situations.

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 11)	

Term by term

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1
Research Methods	Social Influence	Memory
Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Sleep and Dreaming	All Topics Revision for summer exams	
Key Skills developed	- 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	
Useful Websites	https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/gcse/psychology-j203-from-2017/ https://learndojo.org/gcse/aqa-psychology/ https://studymind.co.uk/revision-notes/gcse-psychology/	
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Homework requirements	Homework will be set once a week and tasks will last between 40-60 minutes. All lesson resources will be on Google Classroom, so students' can also access these to consolidate their learning.								
Personal Development Links	Interpersonal and Communication Skills: Psychology work involves active listening, empathy, and effective communication. Reflective Practice: Reflection on personal growth and academic progress is essential for psychology students to integrate theory with self-awareness. Academic Growth and Research Skills: Skills in critical thinking, research methodology, and analysis are core in psychology. By actively cultivating these skills and using targeted resources, psychology students can strengthen their personal development paths.								
Trips/Visits (If applicable)	TBC								