

HALF TERMLY CURRICULUM CONTENT – Key Stage 5

Intent statement:

A-Level Psychology at Westfield Academy is ambitious, challenging and rigorous. The intention behind this is to raise expectations from Key Stage 4 and prepare the students for life beyond Westfield Academy. Students will become independent learners, who will be able to think critically and apply their knowledge to situations beyond the curriculum.

Year 12

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| Topics | Psychopathology |
| Prior knowledge / skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cognitive approach ● Biological approach ● Behaviour approach |
| Key concepts / knowledge / skills covered this half term | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Research methods: ethical issues, types of experiments ● Key words: systematic desensitisation, flooding, candidate genes, serotonin ● Key research: Classical conditioning, operant conditioning, negative self schema, ABC model ● Evaluation of research and theories ● Introduction to psychopathology ● Mental disorders – phobias; depression; OCD |
| Assessment | <p>The assessment will take place on week 5 of the half term. Students need to revise in preparation for this. The following topics will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key terminology - Approaches in Psychology - Social Influence - Memory - Attachment - Psychopathology - Research & theories – describe and evaluate |
| Personal Development opportunities | Insight into different ways of seeing one phenomenon. Mental disorders and the impact it has on everyday lives. |
| Homework requirements | Homework will be set on Google Classroom every lesson and will take an hour to complete. This will vary between pre-reading in preparation for lessons, research tasks, application tasks, consolidation of learning and revision. |

Year 13

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| Topics | Revision for summer examinations |
| Prior knowledge / skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All topics have now been delivered. Students will use this time to revise, consolidate any areas of weakness and practise past papers. |
| Key concepts / knowledge / skills covered this half term | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paper 3 mock - timed and in-class (2 hours) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues and Debates ○ Relationships ○ Schizophrenia ○ Forensic Psychology ● Tips and reminders for exam success |
| Assessment | <p>Summer examinations will take place on the following days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Paper 1: Friday 17th May (AM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Social Influence ○ Memory ○ Attachment ○ Psychopathology ● Paper 2: Wednesday 22nd May (AM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Approaches in PSychology ○ Biopsychology ○ Research Methods ● Paper 3: Monday 3rd June (PM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Issues and Debates ○ Relationships ○ Schizophrenia ○ Forensic Psychology <p>NB: Research Methods will come up in all papers, so please be prepared for this. Also remember to bring a calculator with you in the exams.</p> |
| Personal Development opportunities | Synoptic links & reasoning. Critical analysis & evaluation of key research ideas & theories. Links to real life scenarios & situations. |
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