

# Psychology @ WBS Year 13 Roadmap

**Subject Aim:** Across this year you will look at specific behaviours and explain them from various theoretical perspectives, including explaining how to modify behaviours via therapeutic interventions. This year is designed to make you think as a Psychologist; to have a holistic understanding of behaviours and psychological research.

## Clinical Psychology

Explaining different explanations of the development and treatment of mental health issues, with a focus on Schizophrenia and OCD. How psychologists make diagnosis and the issues with these techniques. Content analysis will be studied, including thematic analysis with you conducting your own content analysis on the perception of mental health in society.

## Criminal Psychology

Explaining the different definitions and causes of criminal and anti-social behaviour, including the identification and treatment of offenders undertaken by forensic investigators. You will look at what impacts judicial decision making. The experimental method and ethical questioning techniques will be studied with you conducting your own experiment to investigate judicial decision making.

## Issues and debates

Using all theories and evidence from the past 2 years you will critically approach a range of issues and debates in order to develop a general knowledge of key issues and debates within psychology. This will develop your holistic view of behaviour and psychological intervention.

## Psychological skills

This is a synoptic section in which you will be asked to draw on the past 2 years to review, practice and explain conceptual and methodological issues of conducting research and practicing as a psychologist.

## Assessment

You will sit 2 key assessments throughout the year, a mock and some smaller assessments within lessons. Each assessment will cover content covered throughout the approach, including stimulus and data response, short-answer and extended response questions. These replicate the questions you will be asked in your A Level exam. You will also complete essay based questions that will be assessed. The aim of these are for you to practice your revision techniques, practice timing of answers, practice exam technique and get feedback on your exam practice. The key to assessment is to revise thoroughly, but to reflect on your assessment to track and improve your performance in exams. This is why peer assessment will be used as a learning strategy. Within lesson staff will also challenge you through differentiated input, differentiated output and differentiated questioning.

## Homework, Revision and SIS

All homework will be set on BrightSpace. This will include a range of activities including researching beyond the content covered in lessons, practice questions, group work, revision for regular assessments and consolidation of knowledge.

At A Level it is good practice to be revising throughout the year. Assessment notifications will be set on BrightSpace, but the revision for this will not be explicitly set, as this is part of you being an independent learner.

SIS work will be due every 4 weeks, with a focus on completing and marking exam questions on previous content to aid revision and practicing exam technique. Deadlines for this, and staff will monitor your completion of your SIS.

## Enrichment themes

Students develop a better understanding of themselves, others and the wider world through developing empathy, tolerance and an appreciation of how complex behaviour is. This transfers to a range of careers in the health and social services sector.

Understanding of social stigmas within society and importance of intervention to aid recovery.

Practical and ethical issues faced by practicing psychologists.

Summer Term

Autumn Term

Spring Term