

HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL

OVERVIEW - SCHEME OF WORK 2022-2023



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SUBJECT: A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY

EXAM BOARD: AQA

AUTUMN TERM - YEAR 12	SPRING TERM – YEAR 12	SUMMER TERM - YEAR 12
<p>Research Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experimental method • Observational techniques • Self-report techniques • Correlational analysis • Content analysis • Case studies • Ethics, including the role of the British Psychological Society's code of ethics <p>Developmental Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schaffer - Stages of attachment • Animal studies of attachment: Lorenz and Harlow • Bowlby - Explanations of attachment • Ainsworth - 'Strange Situation' • Van Ijzendoorn - Cultural variations in attachment, including • Early attachment and adult relationships <p>Social Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internalisation, identification and compliance ISI NSI • Asch - conformity • Zimbardo - Conformity to social roles • Milgram - Obedience • Adorno - The Authoritarian Personality • Resistance to social influence • Minority influence 	<p>Approaches to Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins of psychology: Wundt • Learning approaches: the behaviourist approach. Pavlov, Skinner and Bandura • The cognitive approach: the study of internal mental processes • The biological approach: Genes, biological structures and neurochemistry • The psychodynamic approach: Freudian Psychology • Humanistic psychology: Maslow • Comparison of approaches <p>Cognitive Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSM - short-term memory • Long-term memory • WMM • Forgetting • The accuracy of eyewitness testimony • The cognitive interview <p>Psychopathology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of abnormality - DSN FFA SI DIMH • Characteristics of phobias, depression and OCD • The behavioural approach to explaining and treating phobias • The cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression • The biological approach to explaining and treating OCD 	<p>Biopsychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The divisions of the nervous system • The structure and function of sensory, relay and motor neurons • The process of synaptic transmission • The endocrine system • Adrenaline • Localisation of function in the brain • hemispheric lateralisation • Broca's and Wernicke's areas • Neuroplasticity • Scanning techniques fMRI EEGs ERPs • Circadian, infradian and ultradian rhythms • Endogenous pacemakers and exogenous zeitgebers <p>Research Methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of peer review in the scientific process • Reliability and validity • Features of science • Descriptive statistics • Inferential testing • Sign test • Type I and Type II errors • Spearman's rho, Pearson's r, Wilcoxon, Mann-Whitney, related t-test, unrelated t-test and Chi-Squared test
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<p>Relationships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The evolutionary explanations for partner preferences • Sexual selection and human reproductive behaviour • Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships • Social exchange theory • Equity theory • Rusbult's investment model • Duck's model of relationship breakdown • Virtual relationships in social media • Parasocial relationships <p>Aggression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neural and hormonal mechanisms in aggression • The ethological explanation of aggression • Social psychological explanations of human Agg • Institutional aggression • Media influences on aggression <p>Eating Behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explanations for food preferences • Neural and hormonal mechanisms in eating • Biological explanations for anorexia nervosa • Psychological explanations for anorexia nervosa • Biological explanations for obesity • Psychological explanations for obesity • Explanations for the success and failure of dieting 	<p>Issues debates and approaches in Psychology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and culture in psychology • Free will and determinism • The nature-nurture debate • Holism and reductionism • Idiographic and nomothetic approaches • Ethical implications of research studies and theory, including reference to social sensitivity <p>Research Methods</p> <p>Active research projects x3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observations • Experiments • Self-reports <p>Assessed with peer reviewed formal reports of investigations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Summer Examinations</p>
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