



St Katherine's School

Psychology Curriculum Guide

Year 10

DATE	TOPIC
Term 1	Paper 1: Memory: processes of memory; structures of memory; memory as an active process
Term 2	Paper 1: Memory: memory as an active process Paper 1: Research methods: hypotheses, variables, sampling, designing research
Term 3	Paper 1: Research methods: correlation, research procedures, planning and conducting research, ethics Paper 1: Perception: sensation and perception, visual cues and constancies
Term 4	Paper 1: Perception: Gibson's direct theory: nature; visual illusions; Gregory's constructivist theory: nurture; factors affecting perception
Term 5	Paper 1: Development: early brain development, Piaget's stage theory and the development of intelligence; the role of Piaget's theory in education
Term 6	Paper 1: Development: the effects of learning on development Paper 1: practical research methods

Assessment

Subject: Psychology			
Assessment type	Frequency	Control	Weighting
Knowledge tests	Once per topic	Low control	10%
Short answer exam questions	Once per topic	Low control	10%
Prepared, timed essays	Once per topic	Low control	10%
End of topic assessments	Once per topic	Low control	40%
Mock exams	Once per exam paper	High control	30%

Year 11

DATE	TOPIC
Term 1	Paper 2: Social influence: conformity; obedience; prosocial behaviour; crowd and collective behaviour
Term 2	Paper 2: Language, thought and communication: the relationship between language and thought; human and animal communication; non-verbal communication; explanations of non-verbal behaviour
Term 3	Paper 2: Brain and neuropsychology: structure and function of the nervous system; neuron structure and function; structure and function of the brain; an introduction to neuropsychology
Term 4	Paper 2: Psychological problems: an introduction to mental health; effects of mental health on the individual and society; characteristics, theories and treatments of depression; characteristics, theories and treatments of addiction
Term 5	Revision
Term 6	Revision

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