

Wexham School: Psychology Website Overview

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 12	Social Influence • Explanations for conformity • Factors affecting conformity (authority, social) • Social influence • Minority resistance Approaches • Conditioning • Approaches to psychology (cognitive, biological, psychodynamic, humanistic)	Research Methods • Types of research • Designing research (variables, sampling) • Issues around psychological research • Statistical analysis • Analysing data (correlations, types of data) • Scientific process and peer review	Memory • Models of memory (multi-store, working memory) • Explanations for forgetting • Factors affecting the reliability of eyewitness testimony • Anxiety • Cognitive Interview	Attachment • Animal studies • Explanations for attachment • Cultural variations in attachment • Institutionalisation • Maternal deprivation • Long term effects of early attachment	Clinical Psychology + Mental Health • Defining mental health and phobias • Explanations and treatment of phobias • Explanations and treatment of OCD • Explanations and treatment of depression	Biopsychology • Components of the nervous system • Neurons and synapses • Fight-or-flight response • Ways of studying brain activity • Hemispheric lateralisation • Impact of trauma on brain
Year 13	Research Methods • Conducting a study (tests, reports, scientific method, statistics) • Evaluating a study (validity, reliability, analysis) Relationships • Factors affecting attraction • Models and explanations for relationships • Types of relationship (online, parasocial, face-to-face)	Schizophrenia • Factors affecting diagnosis • Explanations for schizophrenia • Treatments for schizophrenia • Interactionist approaches Aggression • Explanations for aggression (genetic, social) • Factors influencing aggressive behaviour • Case studies (media, prison)	Issues and Debates • Gender and cultural bias • Free will and determinism • Nature vs Nurture • Reductionism and Holism • Social sensitivity in psychological research	<i>Emergent time beyond Spring 1 in Year 13 will be allotted to addressing areas of concern and preparation for final examinations.</i>		