

Focus on Psychology

KS3 Topics (age guide 11 – 14)

2 year course

Autumn 1:	
Topic	Lessons
Approaches	Behaviourism SLT Cognitive Psychodynamic Humanism Biological approach Bio Psy - Localisation of function Bio Psy - Lateralisation & Split brain Bio Psy - Ways to study the brain & Plasticity
Aggression	Biological approach Psychodynamic approach Social learning theory Institutional

Spring 1:	
Topic	Lessons
Addiction	Characteristics & diagnosis Theories Psychological explanations Therapies
Sleep and dreaming	Nature of dreaming - Freudian thinking Role of REM Sleep & Dreaming - Studies - Williams & Wolfman Insomnia
Criminal	Key concepts - types & social construct Social learning theory & Eysenck's theory Studies - Cooper & Mackie 1986 Heaven 1996 Rehabilitation - deterrents - restorative justice
Stress	Physiology of stress & the role of stress and illness Sources of stress

Summer 1:	
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Stress	Measuring stress & individual differences Managing stress

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Visual perception	Understand examples of, and the reasons for, monocular and binocular depth cues: Visual illusions & Visual constancies Theories of visual illusions Studies - Haber & Carmicheal
Mental Health	Intro & mental health changes over time Effects on individual Effects on society
Depression	Definition & symptoms Social rank theory & ABC model Study Tandoc et al. & applications - Facebook
Schizophrenia	Definition & symptoms Biological theory & social drift theory Study Daniels et al. & applications amphetamine

Autumn 2:	
Topic	Lessons
Memory	Memory - coding / retrieval - STM & LTM Memory models Forgetting Accuracy of eyewitness testimony
Psychopathology	Ways to measure abnormality Ways to measure abnormality OCD Depression Phobias Treatment Well being - Positive psychology
Forensic psychology	Intro to forensic Profiling Bio & psychological explanations of offending Dealing with offending

Spring 2:	
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Social psychology	Conformity

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	<p>Obedience - Milgram</p> <p>Minority influence</p> <p>Resistance to social influences</p> <p>Social change</p>
Attachment	<p>Care giver infant interactions</p> <p>Animal studies of attachment</p> <p>Explanations of attachment</p> <p>Types of attachment - strange situation</p> <p>Romanian orphans & Influence of early attachment & Bowlby MDH</p>
Prejudice	<p>Stereotyping</p> <p>Prejudice</p>

Summer 2:	
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Prejudice	<p>Prejudice</p> <p>How to reduce prejudice</p>
Communication	<p>Does language or thought come first?</p> <p>Language in different cultures</p> <p>Animals and communication</p> <p>Non verbal communication - eye contact & body language</p> <p>Non verbal communication - Personal space</p> <p>Non verbal communication - innate or learned?</p> <p>Online communication - emoticons</p>
Sports psychology	<p>Biological explanation of sport & exercise</p> <p>Exercise and mental health</p> <p>Motivation in sport</p> <p>Personality and sport</p> <p>Performing with others in sport</p> <p>Audience effect</p>