



Verulam School: Key Stage 5 CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Department: Psychology
Subject Leader: Daniel Giles

Subject Vision: The purpose of A-Level Psychology is to support student's discovery of a new and exciting subject option. This subject allows students to understand the fundamental aspects of the discipline before seeing how they are applied to a range of different fields including psychopathology and many more. They are also granted an insight into how the basis of our discipline formed by looking at research methods. Prior knowledge of maths and science will be assessed at his stage and built upon further. The optional topics of Aggression, Gender and Schizophrenia at Year 13 have been chosen to engage students with interesting content and to revisit previously investigated content. Here students will apply their knowledge to new and complex topic and debates. Students will be formally assessed with three mock exam papers in November & March of Year 13 to assess knowledge and exam technique. Assessments will also be conducted throughout the course to further assist with this.

	YEAR 12					
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit Title	Approaches in Psychology Biopsychology Research Methods	Biopsychology Attachment Research Methods	Memory Social Influence Research Methods	Social influence Psychopathology Research Methods	Preparation for Thresholds Content review classes Revision activities	Preparation for Thresholds Content review classes Revision activities
	YEAR 13					
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic/Unit Title	Issues and Debates Aggression	Aggression Schizophrenia	Relationships Content review	Preparation for A-Level exams Content review classes Revision activities	Preparation for A-Level exams Content review classes Revision activities	Preparation for A-Level exams Content review classes Revision activities