



Y11 PSYCHOLOGY - CURRICULUM PLANNING SEQUENCE

Subject	Year	Term	Big Ideas	Topics	Subject Learning Checklist
Psychology - 1 teacher for a class	Year 11	Term 1 - 35 hours	Brain and neuropsychology	Year 10 review - revision and mock	Mock exam for year 10 content (Paper 1 - RM, Criminal Psychology & Sleep & Dreaming)
				Brain and neuropsychology	Structure and function of the brain - identifying parts of the brain & their role Brain lateralisation, role of the left and right hemispheres including sex differences Key study - Sperry (split brain) Neurological damage - visual agnosia, prosopagnosia and frontal lobe damage Key study - Damasio (Phineas Gage) Role of the central nervous and peripheral nervous system Synaptic functioning (how neurons communicate) How has psychology changed over time? From Wundt to brain imaging
			Memory	Multi store model of memory	The structure and processes of memory - encoding, storage and retrieval Multi store model of memory - including features of STM and LTM; duration, capacity & encoding Multi store model of memory - including features of STM and LTM; duration, capacity & encoding Peterson and Peterson key study (duration of STM)
				Amnesia - forgetting	Forgetting - explanations for retrograde and anterograde amnesia.
		hours	Schemas and impact on memory	Schemas - Bartlett's theory of reconstructive memory Key study - Bartlett War of the Ghosts Reductionism and Holism - applied to memory.	
				Early brain development	Early brain development - how does a foetus's brain develop?
		:nt	Piaget	Piaget's theory of cognitive development - schema, assimilation, accommodation, equilibrium Piaget's stage theory of development - sensorimotor, pre-operational, concrete operational, formal operational	

Term 2 - 30

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	Application of Piaget's theories to education Piaget and Inhelder - Three Mountains key study
Dweck	Dweck's growth and fixed mindset Gunderson's study on motivational frameworks
Willingham	Willingham's theory and the effects of learning (knowledge/skills) Application of Willingham's ideas to physical, cognitive and social development
Moral development	Piaget's theory of moral development Kohlberg's theory of moral development Damon's theory of a moral self