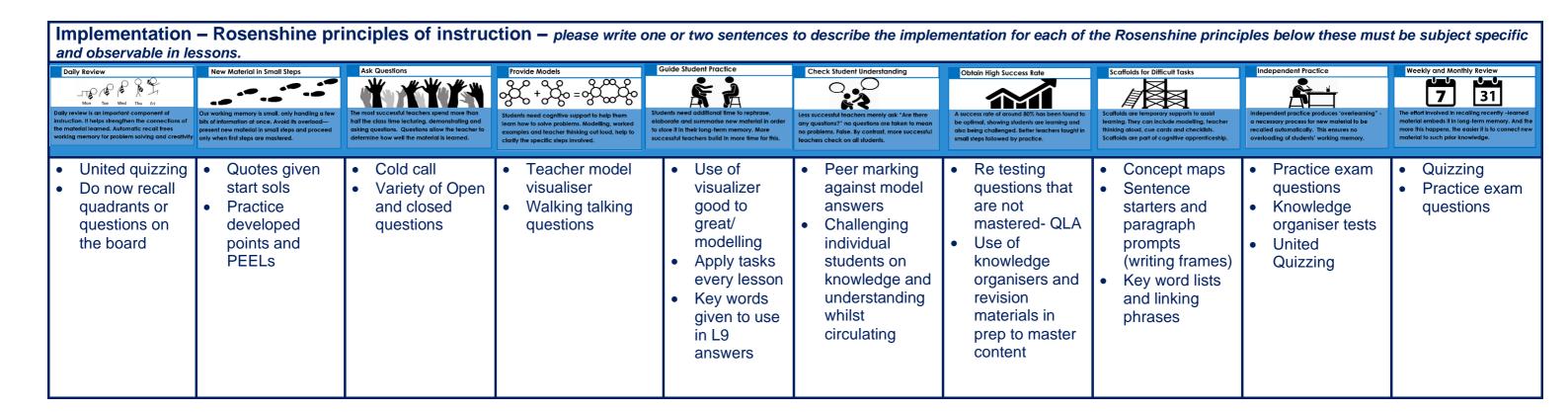
Swindon Academy Psychology Curriculum Map

The intent of Psychology at Swindon Academy is for pupils to leave school with a sound understanding of the main principles of Psychology. In the first year students study Introductory topics in psychology: learn about conformity, social norms, how the mind remembers and forgets and how children form attachments. Students learn more about the different approaches in psychology and how to design and conduct your own research. Students study different approaches in psychology, Biopsychology, Research methods and Issues and debates in psychology. Students then learn about the fascinating tendencies of human behaviour, with options looking into schizophrenia, Aggression and relationships.

Students will develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other. To develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods. To develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem-solving skills. To develop their interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject. To understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.



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Term Year 12	Social influence Types of conformity: identification and compliant for conformity: informinfluence and normative and variables affecting congroup size, unanimity and investigated by Asch. Conformity to social roles in Zimbardo. Explanations for obedient and legitimacy of authority	mational social social influence, informity including task difficulty as as investigated by ce: agentic state	Assessment 2	Review and reteach	Memory The multi-store model of memory: sensory register, short-term memory and long-term memory. Features of each store: coding, capacity and duration. Types of long-term memory: episodic, semantic, procedural. The working memory model: central executive, phonological loop, visuo-spatial sketchpad and episodic buffer. Features of the model: coding and capacity. Explanations for forgetting: proactive and	Assessment 3	Review and reteach	Approaches Origins of Psychology: Wundt, introspection and the emergence of Psychology as a science. The basic assumptions of the following approaches: Learning approaches: i) the behaviourist approach, including classical conditioning and Pavlov's research, operant conditioning, types of reinforcement and Skinner's research; ii) social learning theory including imitation, identification, modelling, vicarious reinforcement, the role of mediational processes and Bandura's research. The cognitive approach: the study of internal mental	Assessment 4	Review and reteach	Attachment Caregiver-infant interactions in hur reciprocity and interactional synch attachment identified by Schaffer. attachments and the role of the fat Animal studies of attachment: Lore Harlow. Explanations of attachment: learning Bowlby's monotropic theory. The coritical period and an internal work Ainsworth's 'Strange Situation'. Type attachment: secure, insecure-avoice.	ony. Stages of Multiple her. nz and ng theory and oncepts of a ing model. pes of	Assessment 5	Review and reteach
	variables affecting ober proximity and location, a	dience including			retroactive interference and retrieval failure due to absence of cues.			processes, the role of schema, the use of theoretical and computer models to explain and make			insecure-resistant. Cultural variation attachment, including van Ijzendoo	ns in		

Milgram, and uniform. Dispositional Factors affecting the accuracy of inferences about mental processes. The emergence Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation. explanation for obedience: the Authoritarian eyewitness testimony: misleading of cognitive neuroscience. Romanian orphan studies: effects of The biological approach: the influence of genes, Personality. information, including leading questions institutionalisation. Explanations of resistance to social biological structures and neurochemistry on The influence of early attachment on childhood and post-event discussion; anxiety. influence, including social support and locus behaviour. Genotype and phenotype, genetic basis Improving the accuracy of eyewitness and adult relationships, including the role of an of control. testimony, including the use of the of behaviour, evolution and behaviour. internal working model. Minority influence including reference to cognitive interview. consistency, commitment and flexibility. **Issues and Debates** The role of social influence processes in **Psychopathology** Gender and culture in Psychology – universality social change Definitions of abnormality, including deviation from and bias. Gender bias including androcentrism social norms, failure to function adequately, and alpha and beta bias; cultural bias, including statistical infrequency and deviation from ideal Research methods ethnocentrism and cultural relativism. Students should demonstrate knowledge mental health. Free will and determinism: hard determinism and The behavioural, emotional and cognitive and understanding of the following research soft determinism; biological, environmental and methods, scientific processes and characteristics of phobias, depression and obsessivepsychic determinism. The scientific emphasis on techniques of data handling and analysis, be compulsive disorder (OCD). causal explanations. familiar with their use and be aware of their The behavioural approach to explaining and treating The nature-nurture debate: the relative strengths and limitations: phobias: the two-process model, including classical importance of heredity and environment in and operant conditioning; systematic determining behaviour; the interactionist desensitisation, including relaxation and use of approach. Holism and reductionism: levels of explanation in hierarchy; flooding. The cognitive approach to explaining and treating Psychology. Biological reductionism and depression: Beck's negative triad and Ellis's ABC environmental (stimulus-response) reductionism. model; cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT), including Idiographic and nomothetic approaches to challenging irrational thoughts. psychological investigation. The biological approach to explaining and treating Ethical implications of research studies and theory, including reference to social sensitivity OCD: genetic and neural explanations; drug therapy

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Pear 13 Biopsychology Definitions of abnormality, including deviation from social norms, failure to function adequately, statistical infrequency and deviation from ideal mental health. The behavioural, emotional and cognitive characteristics of phobias, depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). The behavioural approach to explaining and treating phobias: the two-process model, including classical and operant conditioning; systematic desensitisation, including relaxation and use of hierarchy; flooding. The cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression: Beck's negative triad and Ellis's ABC model; cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT), including challenging irrational thoughts. The biological approach to explaining and treating OCD: genetic and neural explanations; drug therapy.	Classification of schizophrenia. Positive symptoms of schizophrenia, including hallucinations and delusions. Negative symptoms of schizophrenia, including speech poverty and avolition. Reliability and validity in diagnosis and classification of schizophrenia, including reference to comorbidity, culture and gender bias and symptom overlap. Biological explanations for schizophrenia: genetics and neural correlates, including the dopamine hypothesis. Psychological explanations for schizophrenia: family dysfunction and cognitive explanations, including dysfunctional thought processing. Drug therapy: typical and atypical antipsychotics. Cognitive behaviour therapy and family therapy as used in the treatment of schizophrenia. Token economies as used in the management of schizophrenia. The importance of an interactionist approach in explaining and treating schizophrenia; the diathesis-stress model.	for partner preferences, including the relationship between sexual selection and human reproductive behaviour. Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships: self-disclosure; physical attractiveness, including the matching hypothesis; filter theory, including social demography, similarity in attitudes and complementarity. Theories of romantic relationships: social exchange theory, equity theory and Rusbult's investment model of commitment, satisfaction, comparison with alternatives and investment. Duck's phase model of relationship breakdown: intra-psychic, dyadic, social and grave dressing phases. Virtual relationships in social media: self-disclosure in virtual relationships; effects of absence of gating on the nature of virtual	Neural and hormonal mechanisms in aggression, including the roles of the limbic system, serotonin and testosterone. Genetic factors in aggression, including the MAOA gene. The ethological explanation of aggression, including reference to innate releasing mechanisms and fixed action patterns. Evolutionary explanations of human aggression. Social psychological explanations of human aggression, including the frustration-aggression hypothesis, social learning theory as applied to human aggression, and de-individuation. Institutional aggression in the context of prisons: dispositional and situational explanations. Media influences on aggression, including the effects of computer games. The role of desensitisation, disinhibition and cognitive priming.	Revision Revision
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