

Subject: Psychology
Year: 10

Term 1 Programme of Study:

Topic A: How do we see our world?

Students will explore the idea of perception and consider whether we see things the way they really are or whether our eyes and brains can be fooled. Students will develop knowledge of theories in perception and look at specific examples of psychological studies.

Term 2 Programme of Study:

Topic B: Do dreams have meaning?

Students will investigate psychological theories which suggest that dreams have meaning and compare this to theories which suggest dreams have a biological origin. Students will develop knowledge on the case study research method and consider how dreams can be analysed to help people who are having difficulties.

Term 3 Programme of Study:

Topic C: Do TV and video games affect young people's behaviour?

Students will explain, investigate and explore whether young people are influenced by watching TV and playing video games. Students will develop an understanding of whether the media influences aggression or whether it can be caused by our biology.

Homework:

Weekly homework is set in Psychology. Students experience a range of different approaches to completing homework including creating flash cards, completing past paper questions, reading a piece of text and answering questions as well as using Edmodo to support their learning. During homework completion, students are encouraged to be resourceful and use the notes from lesson as well as their textbook to assist them.

Assessment:

Students will complete an assessment in lessons each half term. Students will also be assessed on their class work and their homework and will gain a grade for both effort and attainment each term.

How parents can support learning:

Parents can encourage students to independently read and consolidate their learning from their Psychology lessons. There are a vast range of websites that students can access to support their learning along with the interactive activities available in the textbooks.

Learning resources:

Students will be provided with a variety of resources within their Psychology lessons. They will receive problem solving work sheets, information sheets, revision notes and past paper questions to help them develop self-confidence in Psychology within and outside of lessons.

The Psychology department uses Edmodo regularly to communicate resources to students to assist with revision for assessments and each student is assigned a textbook.

An excellent web-based resource to refer to is:

<http://www.sparkpsych.com/gcse-psychology-edexcel.html>

