

Subject: Psychology

Year: 11

Term 1 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.

Topic D: Why do we have phobias?

Students will investigate why some people are frightened of animals and others have fears of heights. Students will develop an understanding of the different theories which explain why we have phobias and the treatments Psychologists can offer to help people with phobias.

Term 2 Programme of Study:

Topic E: Are criminals born or made?

Students will explore the topic of criminals by looking into the biological and social causes of criminality. Students will develop an understanding of whether nature or nurture is responsible for criminal behaviour.

Term 3 programme of Study:

Revision of Topic A

Revision of Topic B

Revision of Topic C

Revision of Topic D

Revision of Topic E

Students will be applying their knowledge from GCSE Psychology to past paper questions. Exam skills and techniques will be developed as well as revision activities to challenge and assist students to learn the content ready for the exam. Students will develop their own revision resources and learn skills of consolidation and synthesis.

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.sparkspych.com/gcse-psychology-edexcel.html>

