Curriculum Map Subject: Psychology Year Group: 12

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
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Content- WHAT will be learned? Please use following link for specific details on what will be learnt in each unit: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182/subject-content-a-level  What previous learning can be linked? — see comments in italics.  Why this order/sequence? RM and approaches take place first in year 12 as they provide a fundamental basis of key knowledge that then is drawn on in later units e.g., learning theories is introduced in approaches and then later applied to phobias and attachment formation in later units.	Research methods part 1 (appears on all 3 papers) links with previous learning: GCSE science - processes in conducting and writing up research. The following GCSE maths content: Plugging GCSE knowledge gaps.pptx  Approaches in psychology (paper 2) links with previous learning from GCSE science: genetics (genotype and phenotype), evolution.  Memory (paper 1) links to previous learning: students can apply knowledge learnt during form time linked to memory for learning to this topic.  Links with previous learning: throughout all topics, where appropriate, links to research methods content, applied to all other areas of the course, will be made.	Psychopathology (paper 1) links with previous learning: students apply their knowledge of three of the psychological approaches learnt about in term one to three different mental health disorders.  Attachment (paper 1) links with previous learning: application of learning and evolutionary theories from the approaches topic to explain attachment formation.  Social influence (paper 1): Links with previous learning from KS3/KS4 history – WW2 and holocaust, suffragettes, and civil rights movement  Links with previous learning: throughout all topics, where appropriate, links to research methods content, applied to all other areas of the course, will be made.	Finishing social influence/attachment topics.  Research methods part 2 (appears on all 3 papers) Links with previous learning – same as autumn 1/teacher 1.  Biopsychology (paper 2) links with previous learning from GCSE science – nervous system, fight/flight, endocrine system, neurons, and synapses.  Links with previous learning: throughout all topics, where appropriate, links to research methods content, applied to all other areas of the course, will be made.
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Key 'How'/'Why' Questions- What powerful knowledge will be gained? What areas/themes/concepts will be explored?	The main theories of human behaviour that are covered in the approaches topic e.g., classical/operant conditioning, the influence of schemas on behaviour, the influence of genetics on behaviour. Without this knowledge students would struggle to explain specific examples of human behaviour that are covered in topics in future terms and would be unable to design studies investigating this.  The methods/techniques that researchers can use to study human behaviour and the strengths/limitations of these – this knowledge will help to evaluate psychological studies done in future units that make use of these methods/techniques.	Theories learnt in term 1 such as classical/operant conditioning, biochemical/genetic/evolution etc are applied to mental health disorders (phobias, depression, OCD) and the formation of attachment.  Understanding that there is not necessary one 'correct' explanation for a behaviour and that mental health disorders, attachment can be influenced by a variety of psychological factors.  Implications of research in such areas for society/economy.	Being able to use knowledge gained in autumn 1 from research methods part one to explore how to design research studies that investigate various aspects of human behaviour.  Being able to analyse the data gained, from novel areas of research, in a variety of ways and conclude statistical significance
SEND- how will support be seen? Seating plans? Simplified questions?  If any needs emerge throughout students time studying Psychology adaptations are made to ensure all students get the necessary support to be successful.	Seating plans that are mixed and supportive. Modelling orally and in written form (on the board/displayed on the visualiser). Self, peer, and teacher assessments used to provide each student with individual feedback. The breaking down and scaffolding of exam questions to ensure students understand the demands of various question styles used in psychology. Cold calling questions pitched at different levels; low stake quizzes and knowledge organisers used. Access arrangements given during in class assessments. All materials used in lessons are made available to all students digitally, via SharePoint, to enable students to access these after their lesson.	Seating plans that are mixed and supportive (these are adapted in light of performance in first mock exam). Modelling orally and in written form (on the board/displayed on the visualiser). Self, peer, and teacher assessments used to provide each student with individual feedback. The breaking down and scaffolding of exam questions to ensure students understand the demands of various question styles used in psychology. Cold calling questions pitched at different levels; low stake quizzes and knowledge organisers used. Access arrangements given during in class assessments. All materials used in lessons are made available to all students digitally, via SharePoint, to enable students to access these after their lesson.	Seating plans that are mixed and supportive. Modelling orally and in written form (on the board/displayed on the visualiser). Self, peer, and teacher assessments used to provide each student with individual feedback. The breaking down and scaffolding of exam questions to ensure students understand the demands of various question styles used in psychology. Cold calling questions pitched at different levels; low stake quizzes and knowledge organisers used. Access arrangements given during in class assessments. All materials used in lessons are made available to all students digitally, via SharePoint, to enable students to access these after their lesson.
Assessment- What? Why?	Students will complete at least 1 formal assessment in class assessment (sometimes two) totalling 16 marks for each topic taught this term. The questions chosen will assess the full range of skills assessed in the exam and be selected from available past paper questions, all groups will complete the same questions. This is done to give students regular practice at the way they will be assessed at the end of their a-level study. A total of 16-mark questions was chosen as this is the highest number of marks any one question can be.  Informal assessment: at least fortnightly completion of satchel quiz on topic previously covered (the precise topics will be based on areas of common misconception based on examiners reports from summer exams and teacher professional judgement with what current students are struggling with). Done as encourages students to regularly retrieve previous information learnt and allows teachers to identify any common misconceptions or areas students struggle with.	Students will complete at least 1 formal assessment (sometimes two) totalling 16 marks for each topic taught this term. The questions chosen will assess the full range of skills assessed in the exam and be selected from available past paper questions, all groups will complete the same questions. This is done to give students regular practice at the way they will be assessed at the end of their a-level study. A total of 16-mark questions was chosen as this is the highest number of marks any one question can be.  Students will also complete their first mock exam on topics covered in autumn term.  Informal assessment: at least fortnightly completion of satchel quiz on topic previously covered: in autumn term and teacher professional judgement with what current students are struggling with). Done as encourages students to regularly retrieve previous information learnt and allows teachers to identify any common misconceptions or areas students struggle with.	Informal assessment: at least fortnightly completion of satchel quiz on topic previously covered in autumn and spring term and teacher professional judgement with what current students are struggling with). Done as encourages students to regularly retrieve previous information learnt and allows teachers to identify any common misconceptions or areas students struggle with.  Students will also complete a full paper 1 exam as their end of year 12 assessment.
What <b>memory for learning</b> skills will be required- modelling? Concrete answers? Retrieval?	Most lessons start with a retrieval practice activity on content previously covered. These activities take a variety of forms.  Modelling both orally and in written form via use of the visualiser/embedded in the PPT is used on a regular basis.	Most lessons start with a retrieval practice activity on content previously covered (topics covered in autumn will be interleaved to encourage spaced repetition). These activities take a variety of forms.  Modelling both orally and in written form via use of the visualiser/embedded in the PPT is used on a regular basis.	Most lessons start with a retrieval practice activity on content previously covered (topics covered in autumn and spring term will be interleaved to encourage spaced repetition). These activities take a variety of forms.

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<b>Literacy</b> - reading, extended accurate writing and oracy opportunities	All level 3 subject specific terminology is broken, discussed, and explained in lessons with students to enable them to understand the texts they read throughout course – e.g. in exam papers, the textbook and wider reading.	All level 3 subject specific terminology is broken, discussed, and explained in lessons with students to enable them to understand the texts they read throughout course – e.g. in exam papers, the textbook and wider reading.	All level 3 subject specific terminology is broken, discussed, and explained in lessons with students to enable them to understand the texts they read throughout course – e.g. in exam papers, the textbook and wider reading.
	Exam scenarios/questions are read together and broken down to support understanding, key terminology is explained. This scaffolding will be quite high at this term but is gradually reduced over time as students become more competent and confident in their reading and understanding.	Exam scenarios/questions are read together and broken down to support understanding, key terminology is explained. Scaffolding of longer answer responses and questions assessing multiple skills will remain high at this point in the academic year, but less scaffolding will be provided for short mark questions and simpler knowledge-based questions.	Exam scenarios/questions are read together and broken down to support understanding, key terminology is explained. Scaffolding of longer answer responses and questions assessing multiple skills will remain high at this point in the academic year, but less scaffolding will be provided for short mark questions and simpler knowledge-based questions.
	Students are encouraged to carry our wider reading by reading the online textbook and other more academic journal articles through the super-curriculum – a feedback form is provided for students, one area of which asks about any challenges they faced with what they read so that appropriate support can be offered. Students are also encouraged to subscribe and read the weekly psychology digest from the British Psychological Society to help them keep up to date with relevant developments in Psychology.	Students are encouraged to carry our wider reading by reading the online textbook and other more academic journal articles through the super-curriculum – a feedback form is provided for students, one area of which asks about any challenges they faced with what they read so that appropriate support can be offered. Students are also encouraged to subscribe and read the weekly psychology digest from the British Psychological Society to help them keep up to date with relevant developments in Psychology.	Students are encouraged to carry our wider reading by reading the online textbook and other more academic journal articles through the super-curriculum – a feedback form is provided for students, one area of which asks about any challenges they faced with what they read so that appropriate support can be offered. Students are also encouraged to subscribe and read the weekly psychology digest from the British Psychological Society to help them keep up to date with relevant developments in Psychology.
	Writing strategies: make use of the I do/we do/you do to scaffold how to appropriately structure and write answers to exam questions. Individual tailored feedback to students on how to develop their writing is provided. Planning of long answer questions regularly takes place prior to students writing them. Large amounts of practice and reflection on writing exam responses to different styles of question is done throughout the whole course.	Writing strategies: make use of the I do/we do/you do to scaffold how to appropriately structure and write answers to exam questions. Individual tailored feedback to students on how to develop their writing is provided. Planning of long answer questions regularly takes place prior to students writing them. Large amounts of practice and reflection on writing exam responses to different styles of question is done throughout the whole course.	Writing strategies: make use of the I do/we do/you do to scaffold how to appropriately structure and write answers to exam questions. Individual tailored feedback to students on how to develop their writing is provided. Planning of long answer questions regularly takes place prior to students writing them. Large amounts of practice and reflection on writing exam responses to different styles of question is done throughout the whole course.
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Numeracy/computing skills	Students will be required to use satchel to complete their homework quizzes.	Students will be required to use satchel to complete their homework quizzes.	Develop students' knowledge and understanding of different types of data: including quantitative/qualitative, primary/secondary, nominal/ordinal/interval.
	During research methods part 1 – some reference to scattergrams – how to construct and interpret for correlational research in psychology.	Begin to introduce concepts such as measures of central tendency/measures of dispersion/constructing bar graphs and develop	More in depth focus on calculating and interpreting measures of central tendency and dispersion from tables and graphs.

psychology.	All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and steps are taken to ensure that all students are provided with access to the resources they will need to be successful (access arrangements, adapted resources etc)  From when students first start the course, they are told that they will work with everyone else within the group, that all group members are equal and that everyone's ideas are valid, therefore they should have respect for the ideas of others.  When evaluating theories/studies we discuss if they are truly	All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and steps are taken to ensure that all students are provided with access to the resources they will need to be successful (access arrangements, adapted resources etc)  Students work with everyone else within the group and are taught that all group members are equal and that everyone's ideas are valid, therefore they should have respect for the ideas of others.  When evaluating theories/studies we discuss if they are truly generalisable to all human behaviour or if fails to consider the diversity	All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and steps are taken to ensure that all students are provided with access to the resources they will need to be successful (access arrangements, adapted resources etc)  Students work with everyone else within the group and are taught that all group members are equal and that everyone's ideas are valid, therefore they should have respect for the ideas of others.  When evaluating theories/studies we discuss if they are truly generalisable to all human behaviour or if fails to consider the diversity
psychology specification is not very diverse focusing on white, western, middle class male psychologist's theories/studies.  Current exploring the option of students being able to undertake unit award scheme (run by AQA) during independent study time as they offer equality and diversity topics within psychology.	develop their understanding, appreciation, and respect of people's differences. Any concerns in this area are followed up promptly and in accordance with school policy.  A display outside of psychology classroom has been created about non-specification areas of psychology with greater diversity including female psychologists' work, research in the field of LGBTQ+ and the work of African American researchers – students are encouraged to explore these areas in greater depth in their own independent study time.  All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and	develop their understanding, appreciation, and respect of people's differences. Any concerns in this area are followed up promptly and in accordance with school policy.  A display outside of psychology classroom has been created about non-specification areas of psychology with greater diversity including female psychologists' work, research in the field of LGBTQ+ and the work of African American researchers – students are encouraged to explore these areas in greater depth in their own independent study time.  All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and	develop their understanding, appreciation, and respect of people's differences. Any concerns in this area are followed up promptly and in accordance with school policy.  A display outside of psychology classroom has been created about non-specification areas of psychology with greater diversity including female psychologists' work, research in the field of LGBTQ+ and the work of African American researchers – students are encouraged to explore these areas in greater depth in their own independent study time.  All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and
Character development  Equality/Diversity opportunities Unfortunately, the nature of the	Students will be learning about a variety of explanations for human behaviour. Students will develop their ability to reason/weigh up and communicate these explanations in a respectful and compassionate way verbally and in written form when applying this to a variety of novel scenarios. Students will develop how to effectively work independently to build confidence and learn to be resourceful by using previous notes and each other to help resolve issues in their leaning before seeking teacher support. Students will build resilience when learning new ideas and skills and will recognise how to improve their work and responses.  During the time spent studying psychology students will explore a variety of explanations for human behaviour which allow them to	Students' ability to explain what they suggest within the context of topics studied this term. Calculating/Interpreting %  Students will be learning about a variety of explanations for human behaviour. Students will develop their ability to reason/weigh up and communicate these explanations in a respectful and compassionate way verbally and in written form when applying this to a variety of novel scenarios. Students will develop how to effectively work independently to build confidence and learn to be resourceful by using previous notes and each other to help resolve issues in their leaning before seeking teacher support. Students will build resilience when learning new ideas and skills and will recognise how to improve their work and responses.  During the time spent studying psychology students will explore a variety of explanations for human behaviour which allow them to	How to construct appropriate tables and graphs.  Students will be learning about a variety of explanations for human behaviour. Students will develop their ability to reason/weigh up and communicate these explanations in a respectful and compassionate way verbally and in written form when applying this to a variety of novel scenarios. Students will develop how to effectively work independently to build confidence and learn to be resourceful by using previous notes and each other to help resolve issues in their leaning before seeking teacher support. Students will build resilience when learning new ideas and skills and will recognise how to improve their work and responses.  During the time spent studying psychology students will explore a variety of explanations for human behaviour which allow them to

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experience what happens psychological research on certain topics  (2024 – talk from various members of the school of psychology at UOS is being arranged for all yr. 12 and 13 students studying psychology)  (2023-2024 – hoping to get past students who have studied and	Throughout the year, where appropriate and possible, (virtual) talks with individuals are arranged with individuals who studied psychology at A-level to talk about the career that they have pursued – all interested students are	careers students could pursue after studying this as an A-level are vast. This is because an understanding of psychology will be useful in any career where you are interacting with others.  However, if students are interested in pursuing a career specifically as a psychologist the department refers to the careers advice from BPS which can be found on their website <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology">https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology</a> and posters on these are displayed in S10  Biennial a trip is arranged to take students to the psychology in action conference during the autumn term to hear from speakers from a variety of different fields of psychology that they may not come across throughout the specification coverage.  (2024 – talk from various members of the school of psychology at UOS	careers students could pursue after studying this as an A-level are vast. This is because an understanding of psychology will be useful in any career where you are interacting with others.  However, if students are interested in pursuing a career specifically as a psychologist the department refers to the careers advice from BPS which can be found on their website <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/career-">https://www.bps.org.uk/career-</a>	However, if students are interested in pursuing a career specifically as a psychologist the department refers to the careers advice from BPS which can be found on their website <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology">https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology</a> and posters on these are displayed in S10  In second half of summer term — virtual talk from university about studying psychology at university (including sample of a mini lecture about diversity within psychology) and the careers that alumni have gone on to do/trip to a university for this talk as well as opportunity to experience what happens psychological research on certain topics.

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Key 'How'/'Why' Questions- What powerful knowledge will be gained? What areas/themes/concepts will be explored?	Being able to use knowledge gained in year 1 from research methods part one to explore how to design research studies that investigate various aspects of human behaviour.	Application of knowledge developed earlier in the course to specific topics – cognition and development, eating behaviour and aggression	
	Being able to analyse the data gained, from novel areas of research, in a variety of ways and conclude statistical significance.		
	Being able to interpret data and draw conclusions about human behaviour and write a scientific report.		
	The linking of each issue or debate to a relevant area of psychology – this will also help the students to evaluate that area of psychology as well.		
	Ability to delve deeper and question reasons for a particular behaviour. To think critically about the generalisation of psychology to 'all human behaviour'		
SEND- how will support be seen? Seating plans? Simplified questions?  If any needs emerge throughout students' time studying Psychology adaptations are made to ensure all students get the necessary support to be successful.	Seating plans that are mixed and supportive, they are adapted considered students' performance in the end of year 12 exam and any changes to groupings.  Modelling orally and in written form (on the board/displayed on the visualiser). Self, peer, and teacher assessments used to provide each student with individual feedback. The breaking down and scaffolding of exam questions to ensure students understand the demands of various question styles used in psychology. Cold calling questions pitched at different levels; low stake quizzes and knowledge organisers used. Access arrangements given during in class assessments. All materials used in lessons are made available to all students digitally, via SharePoint, to enable students to access these after their lesson.	Seating plans that are mixed and supportive (these are adapted considering the November mock). Modelling orally and in written form (on the board/displayed on the visualiser). Self, peer, and teacher assessments used to provide each student with individual feedback. The breaking down and scaffolding of exam questions to ensure students understand the demands of various question styles used in psychology. Cold calling questions pitched at different levels; low stake quizzes and knowledge organisers used. Access arrangements given during in class assessments. All materials used in lessons are made available to all students digitally, via SharePoint, to enable students to access these after their lesson.	Seating plans that are mixed and supportive (these are adapted considering performance in Feb mock). Modelling orally and in written form (on the board/displayed on the visualiser). Self, peer, and teacher assessments used to provide each student with individual feedback. The breaking down and scaffolding of exam questions to ensure students understand the demands of various question styles used in psychology. Cold calling questions pitched at different levels; low stake quizzes and knowledge organisers used. Access arrangements given during in class assessments. All materials used in lessons are made available to all students digitally, via SharePoint, to enable students to access these after their lesson.
Assessment- What? Why?	Students will complete at least 1 formal assessment in class assessment (sometimes two) totalling 16 marks for each topic taught this term. The questions chosen will assess the full range of skills assessed in the exam and be selected from available past paper questions, all groups will complete the same questions. This is done to give students regular practice at the way they will be assessed at the end of their a-level study. A total of 16-mark questions was chosen as this is the highest number of marks any one question can be.	Students will complete at least 1 formal assessment (sometimes two) totalling 16 marks for each topic taught this term. The questions chosen will assess the full range of skills assessed in the exam and be selected from available past paper questions, all groups will complete the same questions. This is done to give students regular practice at the way they will be assessed at the end of their a-level study. A total of 16-mark questions was chosen as this is the highest number of marks any one question can be.	Informal assessment: at least fortnightly completion of satchel quiz on topic previously covered in autumn and spring term and teacher professional judgement with what current students are struggling with). Done as encourages students to regularly retrieve previous information learnt and allows teachers to identify any common misconceptions or areas students struggle with.
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	Students will also complete a full paper 2 exam during their mock exam assessment week.	Students will also complete ¾ of paper 3 exam during their mock exam assessment week. The reason it is only ¾ is because the teaching of the final topic will not have started prior to when this work week is scheduled. The assessment of the final topic will take place in class after the mock week and enough material has been covered.	
What <b>memory for learning</b> skills will be required- modelling? Concrete answers? Retrieval?	Most lessons start with a retrieval practice activity on content previously covered. These activities take a variety of forms.  Modelling both orally and in written form via use of the visualiser/embedded in the PPT is used on a regular basis.	Most lessons start with a retrieval practice activity on content previously covered (topics covered in autumn will be interleaved to encourage spaced repetition). These activities take a variety of forms.  Modelling both orally and in written form via use of the visualiser/embedded in the PPT is used on a regular basis.	Most lessons start with a retrieval practice activity on content previously covered (topics covered in autumn and spring term will be interleaved to encourage spaced repetition). These activities take a variety of forms.  Modelling both orally and in written form via use of the
	Model answer used in lessons and with formal assessments.	Model answer used in lessons and with formal assessments.	visualiser/embedded in the PPT is used on a regular basis.
	Students encouraged to make/use revision flashcards on topics being covered/have been covered if they have completed their classwork	Students encouraged to make/use revision flashcards on topics being covered/have been covered if they have completed their classwork	Model answer used in lessons and with formal assessments.
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	Use of visualisers to show thinking skills when breaking down and answering an exam question.	Use of visualisers to show thinking skills when breaking down and answering an exam question.	that they relate to.
	Cold calling regularly used to encourage retrieval.	Cold calling regularly used to encourage retrieval.	Use of visualisers to show thinking skills when breaking down and answering an exam question.
	Regular use of knowledge organisers and satchel quizzes	Regular use of knowledge organisers and satchel quizzes	Cold calling regularly used to encourage retrieval.
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<b>Literacy</b> - reading, extended accurate writing and oracy opportunities	All level 3 subject specific terminology is broken, discussed, and explained in lessons with students to enable them to understand the texts they read throughout course – e.g. in exam papers, the textbook and wider reading.	All level 3 subject specific terminology is broken, discussed, and explained in lessons with students to enable them to understand the texts they read throughout course – e.g. in exam papers, the textbook and wider reading.	All level 3 subject specific terminology is broken, discussed, and explained in lessons with students to enable them to understand the texts they read throughout course – e.g. in exam papers, the textbook and wider reading.
	Exam scenarios/questions are read together and broken down to support understanding, key terminology is explained. The scaffolding provided is significantly reduced in comparison to the start of year 12	Exam scenarios/questions are read together and broken down to support understanding, key terminology is explained. Scaffolding of longer answer responses and questions assessing multiple skills will	Exam scenarios/questions are read together and broken down to support understanding, key terminology is explained.
	and continues to be reduced throughout students 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of study as students become more competent and confident in their reading and understanding.	remain high at this point in the academic year, but less scaffolding will be provided for short mark questions and simpler knowledge-based questions.	Students are encouraged to carry our wider reading by reading the online textbook and other more academic journal articles through the super-curriculum – a feedback form is provided for students, one area of which asks about any challenges they faced with what they read so
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Numeracy/computing skills	Students will be required to use satchel to complete their homework quizzes.  Develop students' knowledge and understanding of different types of data: including quantitative/qualitative, primary/secondary,	Students will be required to use satchel to complete their homework quizzes.  Continual practice where appropriate on the maths skills covered earlier in students' course.	Students will be required to use satchel to complete their homework quizzes.  Continual practice where appropriate on the maths skills covered earlier in students' course.
	nominal/ordinal/interval.  More in depth focus on calculating and interpreting measures of central tendency and dispersion from tables and graphs.  How to construct appropriate tables and graphs.		
	Statistical testing and interpretation		
Character development	Students will be learning about a variety of explanations for human behaviour. Students will develop their ability to reason/weigh up and communicate these explanations in a respectful and compassionate way verbally and in written form	Students will be learning about a variety of explanations for human behaviour. Students will develop their ability to reason/weigh up and communicate these explanations in a respectful and compassionate way verbally and in written form	Students will be learning about a variety of explanations for human behaviour. Students will develop their ability to reason/weigh up and communicate these explanations in a respectful and compassionate way verbally and in written form
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Equality/Diversity opportunities Unfortunately, the nature of the psychology specification is not very diverse focusing on white, western, middle class male psychologist's theories/studies.	During the time spent studying psychology students will explore a variety of explanations for human behaviour which allow them to develop their understanding, appreciation, and respect of people's differences. Any concerns in this area are followed up promptly and in accordance with school policy.	During the time spent studying psychology students will explore a variety of explanations for human behaviour which allow them to develop their understanding, appreciation, and respect of people's differences. Any concerns in this area are followed up promptly and in accordance with school policy.	During the time spent studying psychology students will explore a variety of explanations for human behaviour which allow them to develop their understanding, appreciation, and respect of people's differences. Any concerns in this area are followed up promptly and in accordance with school policy.
Current exploring the option of students being able to undertake unit award scheme (run by AQA) during independent study time as they offer equality and diversity topics within psychology.	A display outside of psychology classroom has been created about non-specification areas of psychology with greater diversity including female psychologists' work, research in the field of LGBTQ+ and the work of African American researchers – students are encouraged to explore these areas in greater depth in their own independent study time.	A display outside of psychology classroom has been created about non-specification areas of psychology with greater diversity including female psychologists' work, research in the field of LGBTQ+ and the work of African American researchers – students are encouraged to explore these areas in greater depth in their own independent study time.	A display outside of psychology classroom has been created about non-specification areas of psychology with greater diversity including female psychologists' work, research in the field of LGBTQ+ and the work of African American researchers – students are encouraged to explore these areas in greater depth in their own independent study time.
	All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and steps are taken to ensure that all students are provided with access to the resources they will need to be successful (access arrangements, adapted resources etc)	All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and steps are taken to ensure that all students are provided with access to the resources they will need to be successful (access arrangements, adapted resources etc)	All lessons are structured to cater to a range of learning needs and steps are taken to ensure that all students are provided with access to the resources they will need to be successful (access arrangements, adapted resources etc)
	From when students first start the course, they are told that they will work with everyone else within the group, that all group members are equal and that everyone's ideas are valid, therefore they should have respect for the ideas of others.	Students work with everyone else within the group and are taught that all group members are equal and that everyone's ideas are valid, therefore they should have respect for the ideas of others.	Students work with everyone else within the group and are taught that all group members are equal and that everyone's ideas are valid, therefore they should have respect for the ideas of others.

	When evaluating theories/studies we discuss if they are truly generalisable to all human behaviour or if fails to consider the diversity within humans.  Exploration of gender and culture bias and ethical implications of psychological research during the issues and debates unit – provides opportunity to discuss the lack of diversity in the psychology that has been studied.	When evaluating theories/studies we discuss if they are truly generalisable to all human behaviour or if fails to consider the diversity within humans.	When evaluating theories/studies we discuss if they are truly generalisable to all human behaviour or if fails to consider the diversity within humans.
Homework/Independent learning	All homework tasks to be set via satchel.  Satchel quizzes and revision of knowledge organisers to encourage continual retrieval practice as soon as they start their psychology course.  For the 16-mark assessments students will complete preparation for this as homework (e.g. planning an answer and revising the topic) and then the assessment will be completed in class	All homework tasks to be set via satchel.  Satchel quizzes and revision of knowledge organisers to encourage continual retrieval practice of topics covered in autumn and spring term.  For the 16-mark in class assessment students will complete preparation for this as homework (e.g. planning an answer and revising the topic) and then the assessment will be completed in class	All homework tasks to be set via satchel.  Satchel quizzes and revision of knowledge organisers to encourage continual retrieval practice of all topics covered.
CIAG coverage/links Throughout the year, where appropriate and possible, (virtual) talks with individuals are arranged with individuals who studied psychology at A-level to talk about the career that they have pursued – all interested students are given the opportunity to attend these.	As psychology is all about understanding human behaviour the possible careers students could pursue after studying this as an A-level are vast. This is because an understanding of psychology will be useful in any career where you are interacting with others.  However, if students are interested in pursuing a career specifically as a psychologist the department refers to the careers advice from BPS which can be found on their website <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology">https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology</a> and posters on these are displayed in S10  Biennial a trip is arranged to take students to the psychology in action conference during the autumn term to hear from speakers from a variety of different fields of psychology that they may not come across throughout the specification coverage.  (2024 – talk from various members of the school of psychology at UOS is being arranged for all yr. 12 and 13 students studying psychology)  Students are supported with personal statements and UCAS applications when applying to study psychology/psychology linked courses after 6 <sup>th</sup> form.	As psychology is all about understanding human behaviour the possible careers students could pursue after studying this as an A-level are vast. This is because an understanding of psychology will be useful in any career where you are interacting with others.  However, if students are interested in pursuing a career specifically as a psychologist the department refers to the careers advice from BPS which can be found on their website <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology">https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology</a> and posters on these are displayed in S10	As psychology is all about understanding human behaviour the possible careers students could pursue after studying this as an A-level are vast. This is because an understanding of psychology will be useful in any career where you are interacting with others.  However, if students are interested in pursuing a career specifically as a psychologist the department refers to the careers advice from BPS which can be found on their website <a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology">https://www.bps.org.uk/career-options-psychology</a> and posters on these are displayed in S10