



Sir John Cass Red Coat School Programme of Study – Key Stage 4
Subject: Psychology

Year 10	Year 11
<p><u>Topics Covered/ Areas of Focus:</u></p> <p>Psychology is the scientific study of human mind and behaviour: how we think, feel, act and interact individually and in groups. This course will enable pupils to consider and offer explanations of behaviour in any given context.</p> <p>At GCSE Level, students cover 3 units of work on the topics Biological Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Developmental Psychology, Social Psychology and Individual Differences.</p> <p>More specifically, students study topics within the units such as memory, sex and gender, a-typical behaviour, obedience, attachment, criminal behaviour, perception, cognitive development, non-verbal communication and the self.</p> <p>Students will also cover a unit on Research in Psychology where they study planning, designing and analysing research. At year 10 they will complete B541 and B543.</p> <p>B541 – Studies and Application in Psychology one</p> <p>Topics - Sex and Gender, Memory, Attachment, Obedience and Atypical behaviour</p> <p>B543 – Research Methods</p> <p>Topics – Experiments, Observations, Interviews and Correlation</p>	<p><u>Topics Covered/ Areas of Focus:</u></p> <p>B542 – Studies and Application In Psychology Two</p> <p>Topics – Criminal Behaviour, Perception, Non-verbal Development, Cognitive development and The Self.</p>
<p><u>Skills Development & Expected Progress:</u></p> <p>The aims the GCSE course is to enable candidates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engage in the process of psychological enquiry in order to develop as effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds • develop an awareness of why psychology matters • acquire knowledge and understanding of how psychology works and its essential 	<p><u>Skills Development & Expected Progress:</u></p> <p>The aims the GCSE course is to enable candidates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • engage in the process of psychological enquiry in order to develop as effective and independent learners and as critical and reflective thinkers with enquiring minds • develop an awareness of why psychology matters • acquire knowledge and understanding of how psychology works and its essential

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<p><u>Assessment:</u></p> <p>During the GCSE course students will complete arrange of assessments in class, which will help prepare them for their final examinations. They will also have a range of homework assessments to complete. Further details of assessment can be found on their assessment schedule.</p> <p>These will involve mock exam questions and past papers to prepare students for their exams</p>	<p><u>Assessment:</u></p> <p>During the GCSE course students will complete arrange of assessments in class to help prepare for their final examination. They will also have a range of homework assessments to complete. Further details of assessment can be found on their assessment schedule.</p> <p>This is a 100% examination course. At GCSE, pupils will sit 3 papers at the end of their two year course.</p> <p>B541 (40%) – studies and application in psychology 1</p> <p>B542 (40%) – studies and application in psychology 2</p> <p>B543 (20%) – research methods.</p>
<p><u>Literacy:</u></p> <p>Pupils have the opportunity to develop their extended writing skills through exam preparation and extended writing. The use of key terms and application of these is crucial in Psychology.</p>	
<p><u>Numeracy:</u></p> <p>At GCSE Level, pupils study psychological research which includes the planning, analysis and interpretation of findings. Pupils will study the main investigations: experiments, self-report, observation, and will interpret data and create graphs and charts to display the data.</p>	

ICT:

Pupils have the opportunity to develop their research skills to develop presentations and various revision resources using various ICT resources using KeyNote and PowerPoint. They have the opportunity to do individual and group research tasks.

Life in Modern Britain:

In year ten students explore the individual differences in human behaviour and how environment and society impacts personality development. In one topic student focus on factors of obedience and the role of authority. Students start to explore the nature / nurture debate and start forming ideas of free will and determinism.

Life in Modern Britain:

In year eleven students further develop their understanding of individual differences in human behaviour. The topic criminal behaviour encourages students to debate the concept of free will and determinism. Students explore internal (individual factors such as biology) and external factors (such as culture and society) that shape human personality.

SMSC:

Pupils develop their social skills through studies on altruism and helping others, their moral skills through studies on criminal behaviour and obedience to authority. Spiritual and Cultural skills are developed by considering how others behave in situations and empathising.

Meeting the needs of individual students & Additional Support:

Students learn in many different ways and all have different individual needs, in order for students to make progress in GCSE Psychology a range of different learning styles are used;

- Team leaders-this involves students teaching each other.
- Independent research task
- Use of ICT in lessons
- Collaborative group work

Investigating and exploring social issues in contemporary Society using the internet.

Extra-Curricular Activities & Club:

Students will be given the opportunity to carry out mini studies, attend outside talks on social issues in society and have the opportunity for inside speakers. Student will be encouraged to watch key documentaries to broaden their psychological knowledge.

Independent Study/ Homework:

Our students will be encouraged to use the VLE both in and out of class. Independent study is required for students to explore current social events. Students are also encouraged to work in small groups to develop independent learning skills.

Resources for Learning Support and VLE:

- Students will be taught using a variety of methods, including individual work, group work, videos, class debates and research.
- Extension classes will be available for all students. Extension classes will focus on preparing students for exams.
- Students will be provided with revision packs for all exam papers.
- Students will be provided with a text book at the start of the year.