



Course Content

Research Methods - Students will learn the purpose, strengths and weaknesses of an array of research methods including data analysis and case studies. The concepts of generalisability, reliability, validity, ecological validity, applicability, and ethical issues will be solidified in preparation for end of year exams and Year 11.

Brain & Neuropsychology - Students will learn about the anatomy of the brain including the four lobes, two hemispheres, synapses and function of neurotransmitters. Theoretical concepts include gender differences in brain lateralisation and types of neurological damage. The key studies for this chapter are Damasio et al's study on Phineas Gage and Sperry's split brain experiments. The main topic for Issues & Debates will be on the historical perspective of neuropsychology and how the zeitgeist has changed over time.

Revision – Revision of concepts from Term 1 and 2 will be interspersed throughout the third term in preparation for end of year exams. This is especially important as all topics will be examined in Year 11 mock and final exams. Quizzes, flashcard making and retrieval challenges will be used to recap and enhance retention of content.

Resources

1. Edexcel GCSE (9-1); Authors: Christine, B., Anna, C. and Karren, S. (pg 78-97, 130-165)
2. Internet based resources (eg. Youtube, Simply Psychology, Ms. Shirlene's website)
 - a. www.tinyurl.com/spippsych
3. Custom slides and activities

Assessment

- Notebook checks: 10%
- Homework: 10%
- Class participation: 10%
- Quizzes: 20%
- End of Topic Tests: 50%