



Curriculum Overview – KS5 Psychology

Unit Title	Learning	How can parents best support?
Social Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Types of conformity: internalisation, identification and compliance.• Explanations for conformity:• Conformity to social roles as investigated by Zimbardo.• Explanations for obedience.• Explanations of resistance to social influence, including social support and locus of control.• Minority influence including reference to consistency, commitment and flexibility.• The role of social influence processes in social change.	<p>Encourage your child to watch the following Ted Talk – or watch it together.</p> <p><i>'The psychology of evil' by Philip Zimbardo</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OsFEV35tWsg</p> <p>Talk to your child about the Holocaust.</p> <p>Talk to your child about historical events where social change has occurred such as the Civil Rights movement.</p>
Memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The multi-store model of memory.• Features of each store: coding, capacity and duration.• Types of long-term memory.• The working memory model.• Explanations for forgetting• Factors affecting the accuracy of eyewitness testimony: misleading information, including leading questions and anxiety.• Improving the accuracy of eyewitness testimony, including the use of the cognitive interview.	<p>Share everyday examples of forgetting.</p> <p>Encourage your child to watch the following Ted Talks about the problems with EWT – or watch them together.</p> <p><i>How reliable is your memory? Elizabeth Loftus</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PB2Oegl6wvl</p> <p><i>Scott Fraser: The problem with eyewitness testimony</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buhMdC7MO0U</p>
Attachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Caregiver-infant interactions in humans.• Stages of attachment identified by Schaffer.• Multiple attachments and the role of the father.• Animal studies of attachment.• Explanations of attachment: learning theory and Bowlby's monotropic theory.• Ainsworth's 'Strange Situation' and types of attachment.• Cultural variations in attachment• Bowlby's theory of maternal deprivation.	<p>Research together the conditions in the Romanian Orphanages.</p> <p>Encourage your child to watch the following Ted Talks about the attachment – or watch it together.</p> <p><i>The Power of (Secure) Love Omri Gillath, PhD</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PglQv-rTGgA</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romanian orphan studies. • The influence of early attachment on childhood and adult relationships. 	
Psychopathology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of abnormality. • The behavioural, emotional and cognitive characteristics of phobias, depression and obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD). • The behavioural approach to explaining and treating phobias. • The cognitive approach to explaining and treating depression • The biological approach to explaining and treating OCD 	<p>Watch the following Ted talk together about the problems defining mental illness.</p> <p><i>Strange answers to the psychopath test</i> https://www.ted.com/talks/jon_ronson_strange_answers_to_the_psychopath_test</p>
Biopsychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The divisions of the nervous system • The structure and function of neurons. • The process of synaptic transmission. • The function of the endocrine system: glands and hormones. • The fight or flight response • Localisation of function in the brain and hemispheric lateralisation. • Plasticity and functional recovery of the brain after trauma. • Ways of studying the brain • Biological rhythms 	<p>Watch the following Ted talk together about neuroplasticity of the human brain:</p> <p><i>After watching this, your brain will not be the same Lara Boyd</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LNHBMFCzrnE</p>
Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Origins of psychology. • The basic assumptions of the following approaches: • Learning approaches – behavioural and social learning. • The cognitive approach. • The biological approach • The psychodynamic approach. • The Humanistic approach. 	
Schizophrenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classification of schizophrenia • Biological explanations for schizophrenia • Psychological explanations for schizophrenia • Drug Therapy • Psychological Therapy 	<p>Watch the following Ted talk together about living with schizophrenia:</p> <p><i>A tale of mental illness — from the inside</i> https://www.ted.com/talks/elyn_saks_a_tale_of_mental_illness_from_the_inside?language=en</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioural Therapy • The Diathesis Stress Model 	
Forensic Psychology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems in defining crime • Offender profiling • Biological explanations of offending behaviour • Psychological explanations of offending behaviour • Ways of dealing with crime. 	<p>Watch the following TED talk:</p> <p>https://www.ted.com/talks/lindsay_malloy_why_teens_confess_to_crimes_they_didn_t_commit</p> <p>Why do juveniles falsely confess to crimes? What makes them more vulnerable than adults to this shocking, counterintuitive phenomenon? Through the lens of Brendan Dassey's interrogation and confession (as featured in Netflix's "Making a Murderer" documentary), developmental psychology professor and researcher Lindsay Malloy breaks down the science underlying false confessions and calls for change in the way kids are treated by a legal system designed for adults.</p>
Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolutionary explanations for partner preferences • Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships • Theories of romantic relationships (maintenance) • Theories of romantic relationships (breakdown) • Virtual relationships in social media • Para-social Relationships 	<p>Watch the following TED talk about love:</p> <p><i>The Brain in Love – Helen Fisher</i></p> <p>https://www.ted.com/talks/helen_fisher_the_brain_in_love?language=en</p>