Psychology Curriculum Intent

The aim of Vyne different reason	ers Psychology study is to look at theories and explanations of behaviour and critically analyse the surrounding research to understand s for human behaviour.
	This is a brand new course of study. The topics chosen from the GCSE content provide an introduction into basic Psychological theories and experiments. These topics allow year students to begin developing their evaluative language in order to begin identifying strengths and weaknesses in Psychological study.
KS4	 This two year course of study brings in 'real world' application. This includes child development and language, thought and communication. This course will allow learners to be engaged in the subject matter and understand how the content is relevant to them - one of the fundamental intent principles of study GCSE Psychology at Vyners. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of psychological ideas, processes and theories. They will be able to evaluate psychological ideas and make judgement or draw conclusions based on learned skills. At the end of the three years of AQA specification study, students will take two exams, both 1hr 45 minutes, covering 8 topics.
KS5	At A-level, we study how people interact and how we change and develop as human beings. We study how Psychological studies are conducted and the criteria needed to carry out Psychological investigations. In Years 12 and 13, students develop their ability to think critically, further developing oral and communication skills. We intend to encourage students to go onto further education using Psychology as a basis for this as it provides a broad range of opportunities. The broad range of topics covered throughout the two years relates to multiple aspects of real life and will interest a range of students from different cultures, backgrounds and further educational interests. At the end of two years of AQ specification study, students take three exams of 2 hrs each, covering 11 topics.

Curriculum Implementation						
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Year 10	Perception: Sensation and perception Visual illusions Explanations for visual illusions: ambiguity, misinterpreted depth cues, fiction, size constancy. Examples of visual illusions: the Ponzo, the Müller- Lyer, Rubin's vase, the Ames Room, the Kanizsa triangle and the Necker cube. Monocular depth cues: height in plane, relative size, occlusion and linear perspective. Binocular depth cues: retinal disparity, convergence. Gibson + Gregory theories	 Memory: Different types of memory: episodic memory, semantic memory and procedural memory. How memories are encoded and stored. The multi-store model of memory: sensory, short term and long term. Features of each store: coding, capacity, duration. Primacy and recency effects in recall: the effects of serial position. Murdock's serial position curve study. The Theory of Reconstructive Memory, including the concept of 'effort after meaning'. Bartlett's War of the Ghosts study. 	Research Methods: Null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis. Independent variable, dependent variable, dependent variable, dependent variables. Target populations, samples and sampling methods and how to select samples using these methods: • random • opportunity • systematic • stratified. Strengths and weaknesses of each sampling method. Understanding principles of sampling as applied to scientific data.	Null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis. Independent variable, dependent variable, extraneous variables. Target populations, samples and sampling methods and how to select samples using these methods: • random • opportunity • systematic • stratified. Strengths and weaknesses of each sampling method. Understanding principles of sampling as applied to scientific data. Quantitative and qualitative methods: • the experimental method (experimental designs, independent groups, repeated measures, matched	An understanding of association between two variables and the use of scatter diagrams to show possible correlational relationships. The strengths and weaknesses of correlations. The use of standardised procedures, instructions to participants, randomisation, allocation to conditions, counterbalancing and extraneous variables (including explaining the effect of extraneous variables and how to control for them). How research should be planned, taking into consideration the reliability and/or validity of: • sampling methods	Development Early brain development Piaget's Theory McGarrigle and Donaldson's 'naughty teddy' study'. Development of conservation. Hughes' 'policeman doll study'. Reduction of egocentricity. The four stages of development: sensorimotor, pre-operational, concrete operational and formal operational. Application of the above to education Paper 1 Development Continued Dweck's Mindset Theory of learning: fixed mindset and growth mindset.

Y10 Perception so far assessment Factors affecting perception; • Bruner and Mintum's • Culture, motivation and emotion • Gilchrist and Nesberg Perceptual set and the effects of the following factors affecting perception: culture, motivation, emotion, expectation. <i>Culture application</i> <i>question self marked</i> The Gilchrist and Nesberg study of motivation and the Bruner and Minturn study of perceptual set.	Factors affecting the accuracy of memory, including interference, context and false memories. Memory end of topic test	Quantitative and qualitative methods: • the experimental method (experimental designs, independent groups, repeated measures, matched pairs, including strengths and weaknesses of each experimental design) • laboratory experiments • field and natural experiments • field and natural experiments • Interviews • Questionnaires • case studies • observation studies (including categories of behaviour and interobserver reliability). Strengths and weaknesses of each research method and types of research for which they are suitable	pairs, including strengths and weaknesses of each experimental design) • laboratory experiments • field and natural experiments • lnterviews • Questionnaires • case studies • observation studies (including categories of behaviour and interobserver reliability). Strengths and weaknesses of each research method and types of research for which they are suitable.	 experimental designs quantitative and qualitative methods. Students should demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: ethical issues in psychological research as outlined in the British Psychological Society guidelines ways of dealing with each of these issues. The difference between quantitative and qualitative, primary and secondary data. Recognise and use expressions in decimal and standard form: use ratios, fractions and percentages, estimate results, find arithmetic means and use an appropriate number of significant figures. Descriptive statistics Construct and interpret frequency 	The role of praise and self-efficacy beliefs in learning. Learning styles including verbalisers and visualisers. Willingham's Learning Theory and his criticism of learning styles. Create own study and answer the exam question about "create your own"
				Construct and interpret frequency tables and diagrams, bar charts, histograms	

					and scatter diagrams for correlation. Normal distribution <i>Research methods</i> <i>enrichment project</i>	
Year 11	Language Thought and Communication Piaget's theory: language depends on thought. The Sapir-Whorf hypothesis: thinking depends on language. Variation in recall of events and recognition of colours, eg in Native American cultures. Von Frisch's bee study. Differences between human and animal communication. Limited functions of animal communication (survival, reproduction, territory, food) Definitions of non-verbal communication.	Social Influence Asch's study of conformity. Identification and explanation of how social factors (group size, anonymity and task difficulty) and dispositional factors (personality, expertise) affect conformity to majority influence. Milgram's Agency theory of social factors affecting obedience including agency, authority, culture and proximity. Bystander behaviour: identification and explanation of how social factors (presence of others and the cost of helping) and dispositional factors (similarity to victim and expertise) affect bystander intervention.	 Brain and neuropsychology The structure/ divisions of the human nervous system: central and peripheral (somatic and autonomic). Basic functions of these divisions. The autonomic nervous system and the fight or flight response. The James-Lange theory of emotion. Sensory, relay and motor neurons. Synaptic transmission: release and reuptake of neurotransmitters. Excitation and inhibition. 	 Psychological disorders Characteristics of mental health, eg positive engagement with society, effective coping with challenges. Cultural variations in beliefs about mental health problems. How the incidence of significant mental health problems changes over time. Increased challenges of modern living, eg isolation. Increased recognition of the nature of mental health problems and lessening of social stigma. 	 Biological explanation (influence of nature): imbalance of neurotransmitters, eg serotonin in the brain. Psychological explanation (influence of nurture): negative schemas and attributions. Use of antidepressant medications. Cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). Wiles' study of the effectiveness of CBT. How these improve mental health, reductionist and holistic perspectives. The difference between addiction/dependence and substance misuse/abuse. 	

 contact including regulating flow of conversation, signaling attraction and expressing emotion. Body language including open and closed posture, postural echo and touch Personal space including cultural, status and gender differences. Darwin's evolutionary theory of non-verbal communication as evolved and adaptive. Evidence that non-verbal behaviour is innate, eg in neonates and the sensory deprived. Evidence that non-verbal behaviour is learned. Yuki's study of emoticons. Piliavin's subway stu Identification and explanation of how social factors (social loafing, deindividuatia and culture) and dispositional factors (personality and morality) affect collect behaviour. Prosocial and antisoc behaviour in crowds. 	dy.An understanding of how these processes interact.hebb's theory of learning and neuronal growthBrain structure: frontal lobe, temporal lobe, parietal lobe, occipital lobe and cerebellum.ialBasic function of these structuresLocalisation of function in the brain: motor, somatosensory, visual, auditory and language areas.Penfield's study of the interpretive cortex.Cognitive neuroscience: how the structure and function of the brain relate to behaviour and cognition.Use of scanning techniques to identify brain functioning: CT, PET and fMRI scans.	Individual effects, eg damage to relationships, difficulties coping with day to day life, negative impact on physical wellbeing. Social effects, eg need for more social care, increased crime rates, implications for the economy Differences between unipolar depression, bipolar depression and sadness. The use of International Classification of Diseases in diagnosing unipolar depression: number and severity of symptoms including low mood, reduced energy levels, changes in sleep patterns and appetite levels, decrease in self-confidence	The use of International Classification of Diseases in diagnosing addiction (dependence syndrome), including a strong desire to use substance(s) despite harmful consequences, difficulty in controlling use, a higher priority given to the substance(s) than to other activities or obligations. Biological explanation (influence of nature): hereditary factors/genetic vulnerability. Kaij's twin study of alcohol abuse. Psychological explanation (influence of nurture): peer influence. Aversion therapy. Self-management programmes, eg self-help groups, 12-step recovery programmes. How these improve mental health,	
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			Basic understanding of how neurological damage, eg stroke or injury can affect motor abilities and behaviour. Tulving's 'gold' memory study		reductionist and holistic perspectives.	
Year 12	Social Influence:	Memory:	Research	Attachmont	Approaches:	
	Conformity (maiority	Coding, Capacity and	methous		Origins of.	
	influence)	Duration		Caregiver-infant	Approaches	Schizophrenia:
	Minority Influence	The multi store model	Data handling and	interactions in	Behavioural, learning,	Classification of
	Explanations for	The multi-store model.	and validity.	numans.	psvchodvnamic	Schizophrenia.
	obedience	Types of Long term	introduction to the	Animal studies of	humanistic	
	Posistance to Social	memory	following	Stages of attachment,	Comparison of	Biological and
	Influence	The working memory	experimental	attachment. (Bowlby)	approaches, as well	explanations for
		model.	method,	Strange Situation.	as: The	schizophrenia.
	The role of social	Explanations for	observational	Cultural variations in	psychodynamic	Treatment
	in social change	forgetting.	self-report	attachment		neathent
	Ū		techniques, and	Theory of maternal	Humanistic	The importance of an
	Social influence end of	Research Methods	Correlations.	deprivation, Later	psychology.	interactionist
	topic test		Scientific		Comparison of	explaining and
		Factors affecting the	processes	Attachment End of topic	approaches essay	treating
		accuracy of eyewitness	hypotheses		Psychonathology:	schizophrenia.
			sampling, pilot			The Diathesis stress
		Improving the accuracy	studies,		Definitions of x4	model.
		testimony.	designs.		The behavioural	
			observational		approach to	
		Memory end of topic	design,		explaining and	
			questionnaire		riearing prioblas.	

			Construction. Scientific processes including: variables, control, demand characteristics and investigator effects, ethics, role of peer review and implications of psychological research for the Economy. Case studies and content analysis Probability and significance Statistical tests x7 test Features of science and how to report psychological Investigations. <i>Research Methods</i> <i>enrichment Project</i>		The cognitive approach to depression. The biological approach to treating OCD. <i>Psychopathology 16</i> <i>marker</i>	
Year 13	Y12 Content test	Schizophrenia Practice questions	Issues and Debates:	Options in Psychology:	Revision and Formal AQA Examinations	
	Biopsychology: The divisions of the nervous system.	 Relationships The evolutionary 	 Gender and culture in Psychology. Free will and 	Forensics Profiling		

effect of endogenous pacemakers and exogenous zeitgebers on the sleep/ wake		The structure and function of sensory, relay and motor neurons. The process of synaptic transmission. The function of the endocrine system. The fight or flight response. Broca's and Wernicke's areas, Localisation and lateralisation split brain research. Plasticity and functional recovery of the brain after trauma. Ways of studying the brain including post- mortem examinations. Biological rhythms: circadian, infradian and ultradian. The effect of endogenous pacemakers and exogenous zeitgebers on the sleep/ wake	explanations for partner preferences. • Factors affecting attraction • Theories of romantic relationships. • Virtual relationships in social media. • Parasocial relationships <i>Paper 2 december</i> mocks	determinism. • The nature-nurture debate. • Holism and reductionism. Idiographic and nomothetic approaches to psychological investigation. Ethical implications of research studies and theory, including reference to social sensitivity. Issues and debates in class/ end of topic	Biological, ethological and evolutionary explanations. Social psychological explanations Dealing with offending		
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KS4	Psycho	ology Curriculum Impac	ct KS4
	FORMATIVE; The instructional guidance that identifies central points of learning and plans for the progression of individual students.	SUMMATIVE; This describes individuals learning at the end of an instructional unit by comparing it against a standard or benchmark. (High Stakes Assessment)	EVALUATIVE; This is about institutional accountability and comes after terminal exams. External agencies.
TI ME SC		 Year 10: End of Year assessment Paper 1 Perception, memory, development, research methods Year 11: December mock examinations - focus on all topics from year 10 & 11	Nationally standardised summative assessment takes the form of GCSEs and vocational qualifications at the end of Key Stage 4. GCSE exam board: AQA Exam structure: - Two exams, 1hr.45

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	Interim (termly or half-termly)		Teachers: - Evaluate stud of a certain to - Evaluate their lessons in lin Assessment 4 formal assessment year at the end of ear Summative assessment form of mid-topic ass Levels based upon ra GCSE grading criteria Written feedback and the form of react shord are in student assess folders/exercise book Year 10 • Perception	dent learning at the end eaching period. ir teaching practice and ie with Summative outcomes. points across each ch unit. ent also seen in the essments. aw mark boundaries at a 1-9. d student responses in uld be evident. These sment books or cs. <u>Year 11</u> • Social Influence	
-	Weekly		 Research methods Developme nt Language, thought and communica tion 	 Psychological disorders 	
		 Teachers role: To deliver structured lessons following the SOW Ensure AO1 and AO3 skills are clearly outlined 			

	 Use tracker sheets at the front of the book Provide a mixture of verbal and written feedback Students role: Engage in lessons and complete work to the best of their ability Meet all homework deadlines as outlined on google classroom Use the 'perfect page' 	
Hourly	 <i>'Every Lesson Every Day'</i> techniques are embedded in lessons including: Check prior knowledge Explain, practice, test Every lesson a variety the following formative assessment takes place using the following strategies: Last lesson or a previous lesson assessed in a starter using mini whiteboards or similar Peer or self assessment using a model answer Use ReAct in green pen 	

Subject: Psychology - KS5	FUNCTIONS OF ASSESSMENT		
	FORMATIVE;	SUMMATIVE;	EVALUATIVE;
	The instructional guidance that identifies	This describes individuals learning at the end of an	This is about institutional accountability and
	central points of learning and plans for the	instructional unit by comparing it against a standard or	comes after terminal exams. External
	progression of individual students.	benchmark. (High Stakes Assessment)	agencies.

	Annually			
TI E C L E	Annuany	 Y12 - Summer homework (Issued on 6th form induction day) assesses basic maths and science skills given a score /50 Y12 enrichment - designing their own Psychology experiment, presentation 	 Year 12 Mock in June – A level Paper 1 Social Influence Memory Attachment Psychopathology Year 13 September mock - A Level Paper 1 Year 13 December mock - A Level Paper 2 Approaches Biopsychology Research Methods Year 13 February Mock - Paper 3 (so far) Schizophrenia Relationships Year 13 - A level Paper 1: Introductory topics in Psychology (2 hours 33%) Paper 3: Issues and options in Psychology (2 hours 33%) 	 ALPs score after Y13 results Using data to provide support, alumni tutoring and intervention for students. Using data to identify for emergency parents evening
	Interim (termly or half-termly)	 Google form - asks the students about which topics they like/dislike, which exam skills do they find hard (AO1,2,3), which style of questions are they the most confident/ least confident 	End of topic tests (usually every half term) Half an hour each (to reflect the size of the section in a real exam) Social Influence Memory Research Methods Attachment Approaches Psychopathology (is in mock paper 1 so no topic test) Schizophrenia Biopsychology Relationships Issues and Debates	

		Forensics	
		 Teachers: Evaluate student learning at the end of a certain teaching period. Evaluate their teaching practice and lessons in line with Summative Assessment outcomes. Written feedback and student responses in the form of react will be evident. Kept in folders. AQA grade boundaries 	
Weekiy	Consolidation summary questions on what they have learned this week e.g. provide one weakness of the biological approach Teachers role: - Identify how students are performing and use this to provide support, evaluate student learning and plan future lessons. - Provide oral and/or written feedback. - Keep track of student progress using department internal and school wide data systems. - Scaffold feedback to students for effective self/peer assessment. Students role: - Engage in self assessment. - Be proactive in ReACT taks. - Revise content. - Redraft and submit work which is completed to the best of their abilities. - Identify their own strengths and weaknesses and ask for support from their subject teachers.		

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- starter - based on knowledge from	
last lesson/ previous lessons	
- Either an application question or	
an exam question mid way	
through	
- plenary in the form of multiple	
choice or summary questions	
<i>Every Lesson Every Day</i> ' techniques are	
embedded in lessons including:	
- Review last lesson, last week, last	
year.	
- Checking for student	
understanding, asking higher	
order questions and providing	
feedback - ensuring students	
respond to this feedback.	
- Low stakes testing activities.	
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formative accomment takes place using	
the following strategies:	
- Low stakes testing	
- formative feedback	
- sharing learning goals	
- peer and self-assessments	
- Inquiry-Based Instruction	
- quizzes and questionnaires	
- Cumulative Daily Review.	
- Classroom Discourse	