**Term Two**

**We move on to looking at an exploration of the issues, debates and approaches which are applied to the different areas of study in psychology. This is the opportunity for learners to develop their discussion skills and apply real life problems to the study of psychology and really see how it can impact on the day-to-day lives of individuals around the world. The next applied topic is schizophrenia where learners will investigate issues with the reliability and validity of diagnosis, comparing UK and US systems. We then look at biological and psychological explanations and interventions for the illness.**

**Term Three**

**The students will learn about attachment theories, including research on humans and on children from deprived backgrounds such as the war or the Romanian orphanages. The final topic is psychopathology where learners will increase their knowledge of the symptoms, explanations and treatments for disorders including depression, phobias and obsessive compulsive disorder.**

**All students will complete a full research practical, following the university format for psychological research including ethical clearance and the peer review process.**

**Term One**

**An introduction to psychology and how the scientific method is applied. We then move on to exploring the key approaches within psychology and how they have contributed to our understanding of the human brain and behaviour, this includes behaviourism, psychoanalysis and humanistic approaches. The term finishes with an in-depth study of psychopathology which involves assessing the symptoms, explanations and treatments for illnesses such as phobias, depression and OCD. The term includes opportunities to design and carry out small scale psychological research to develop skills in applying scientific procedures and analysing data.**

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