Psychology Learning Journey

Why?
We start with the Approaches and Research Methods topics as these lay the foundations for the rest of the course: you need a grounding in these two areas first as you will develop your understanding further and apply it to the subsequent topics that follow.

Year 12

Approaches   Research Methods

Issues & Debates Link
Nature vs Nurture

Memory   Lab experiments

Psychopathology   Correlations

Issues & Debates Link
Features of Science

Why?
Biopsychology is taught in the summer term and continues into start of Y13, to allow you to apply prior understanding of the Biological aspects of Psychopathology and the attachment topics that you have already studied.

Attachment   Observations/ Self reports

Issues & Debates Link
Determinism

Issues & Debates Link
Gender and Culture Bias

Biopsychology

Issues & Debates Link
Nomothetic Approaches

Social Influence   Ethical issues

PPEs

Paper 1 and Paper 2

Summer Project

Why?
Issues and Debates is a synoptic topic; where relevant links can be made throughout the course: you will gradually build up knowledge, understanding and develop AO3 evaluation skills, and demonstrate your progress on this in Y13 where the topic is studied in more depth and detail.

Issues & Debates Link
Social Sensitivity

Forensic

Year 13

Issues & Debates

PPEs

Paper 1 and Paper 2

Gender

Issues & Debates Link
Gender Bias

Why?
Forensic, Gender and Schizophrenia are taught alongside each other as they have similar assessment objectives: all require you to be able to describe and evaluate competing approaches to explaining and treating: crime, gender dysphoria and Schizophrenia.

Issues & Debates Link
Culture Bias

Schizophrenia

Exams

Paper 3   **Research Methods**

Why?
Y13 Content on research methods will be studied towards the end of Y13- you will build on Y12 research methods content and skills covered in Y12 and be ready to tackle the more challenging aspects of applying and evaluating the use of inferential statistics.

Paper 1
Social Influence
Attachment
Psychopathology
Paper 2
Research methods
Approaches
Biopsychology
Paper 3
Gender
Forensic
Schizophrenia
Issues and Debates