Bishop Heber High School

Psychology	12	Term
Psychology	13	2

Topic

Relationships and Aggression

Content (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic) Issues and Debates and schizophrenia

Relationships including:

- The evolutionary explanations for partner preferences, including the relationship between sexual selection and human reproductive behaviour.
- Factors affecting attraction in romantic relationships: self-disclosure; physical attractiveness, including the matching hypothesis; filter theory, including social demography, similarity in attitudes and complementarity.

Aggression including:

- Neural and hormonal mechanisms in aggression, including the roles of the limbic system, serotonin and testosterone.
- Genetic factors in aggression, including the MAOA gene.
- The ethological explanation of aggression, including reference to innate releasing mechanisms and fixed action patterns. Evolutionary explanations of human aggression.

Future Learning (Topic) Bio-Psychology and Research Methods for A Level

What Knowledge and Skills will be taught (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)
Skills • Knowledge and Understanding • Evaluation • Significance and application to everyday life Continued development of the examination requirements and the skills needed to answer the specific assessment objectives.	During term two, there will be 4 assessments testing the key skills connected with: Theories of romantic relationships Para-social relationships Genetic factors in aggression The role of desensitisation, disinhibition and cognitive priming

How can parents help at home?

Encourage students to re-write their class notes into smaller notecards or mind maps.
Test their child on the use of the vocabulary used and on application of Psychology to the wider world.
Check insight for further information on homework set and deadlines.

Helpful further reading/discussion (including Reading and Vocabulary Lists)

Reading

AQA psychology for A level year 1 and AS revision guide
AQA psychology for A level year 2 revision guide

Vocabulary Lists

Anisogamy
Social demography
Complementarity
Equity
Commitment
Parasocial
Hypothalamus
Hippocampus
Testosterone
Monozygotic
Dizygotic
Ethological
Self-efficacy
De-individuation