



**Psychology**

**Department**

**PAPER 2: APPROACHES IN PSYCHOLOGY**

**A Level** **Topic Planner**

* **Origins of Psychology**

Wundt, introspection and the emergence of psychology as a science.

* **Learning Approaches**

***Behaviourism***

Including classical conditioning and Pavlov’s research, operant conditioning, types of reinforcement and Skinner’s research

***Social Learning Theory***

Including imitation, identification, modelling, vicarious reinforcement, the role of mediational processes and Bandura’s research.

* **Cognitive Approach**

The study of internal mental processes, the role of schema, the use of theoretical and computer models to explain and make inferences about mental processes. The emergence of cognitive neuroscience.

* **Biological Approach**

The influence of genes, biological structures and neurochemistry on behaviour. Genotype and phenotype, genetic basis of behaviour, evolution and behaviour.