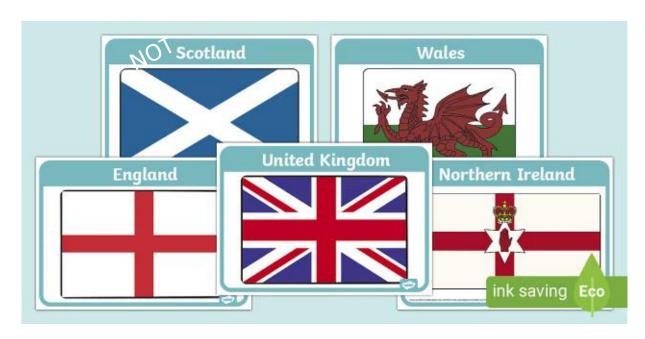
# Teaching of Psychology in England, Wales and Northern Ireland



#### A level contents:

- There are several exam boards and AQA is the most popular, regulated by OfQual
- ➤ The exams are written, including essays and short-answer questions
- The exam specifications contain as much Maths and Science content as any of the other 'core' Science subjects. Research methods contributes as much as 50% of the marks
- There is no formal requirement to conduct coursework/student research (although it is encouraged as ideal to conduct research)

#### Psychology at University:

- ➤ After Law and Business, Psychology is the most popular undergraduate degree subject
- > Over ¾ of undergraduates are female
- ➤ About ½ of graduate and postgraduate students and ⅓ of lecturers in the field of neuroscience are women
- ➤ This 'leaky pipeline' also applies to psychology as a subject about a ⅓ of Psychology Professors are female

#### **Psychology Pre-University:**

- Scotland has a different system to that of the rest of the UK see their poster
- Psychology is now the second most popular A-level subject (16-19 yrs) - over 80K students
- Psychology as a subject is taught in many, but not all schools
- Psychology is becoming more commonly taught at GCSE level too (14– 16-year-olds) but is comparatively rare.
- A level Psychology is not a requirement to study Psychology at University however the majority do now have an A level in Psychology.
- There is a shortage of teacher training for for Psychology teachers and so it is often taught by non-specialist teachers

Psychology is classed as a STEM subject at A level but not at GCSE...





#### **Psychological Associations:**

- We have the Association for the Teaching of Psychology (ATP) and the British Psychological Society (BPS)
- ➤ We have growing collaboration between these the ATP and BPS, including the opportunity for teachers to to become Chartered Psychologists
- > Come to our wonderful annual ATP conference!

  https://www.theatp.uk July 11th 13th Lincoln



### **Collaborative Projects**

I googled EFPTA blog:

http://www.efpta.org/home/index.asp?sid=5

**BLOG-tastic collaboration** 

I googled: psychology teaching blog and found interesting stuff <a href="https://teachpsych.org/page-1703896">https://teachpsych.org/page-1703896</a>

Thinking about how to find Collaboration I googled Psychology Associations (Europe) and Professional Bodies:

I found EFPA site...

https://www.easp.eu/ - Social Psychology
https://eaap-eu.com/ - Applied - pedagogy

Psychology Teacher's Toolkit - BPS



# **CONNEXIT** Say Hi to my class!

3.30 on a Tuesday

https://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting time.html?iso=20240416&p1=1348&p2=101

## CONNEXIT

Format for 5-10 minute Online Class Meetup <a href="mailto:harriet.ennis@bootham">harriet.ennis@bootham</a> <a href="mailto:school.com">school.com</a>

Google meet? or ZOOM?



Classroom teacher and any of the students the teacher feels appropriate can join individually?

Perhaps a bold student spokesperson to lead it?

After Saying Hi and Introductions Here are some questions to answer:

- Favourite Topics of study
- Memorable moments in Psychology lessons
- Worst bits of the course so far
- How are you examined? written?
   coursework? Essays? research projects?

Would anyone like to further collaborate or take the opportunity to BLOG on EFPTA site...find out about opportunities in Europe for study or exchange...