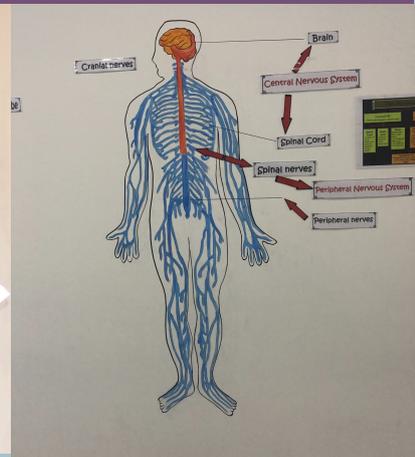
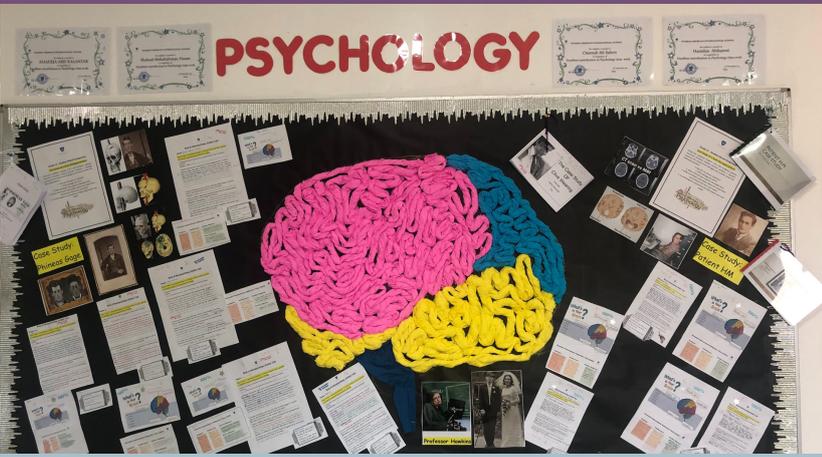


# PSYCHOLOGY NEWSLETTER



Sharjah American International School



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## Gr 11: Psychology

Welcome to another edition of our Psychology newsletter. It has been an eventful half term for us, not only have we covered thought provoking topics by the famous Freudian Psychoanalytic Approach but we were able to understand the psychological impact of dealing with cancer during Breast Cancer Awareness month.



Psychology is the study of mind and behavior. It encompasses the biological influences, social pressures, and environmental factors that affect how people think, act, and feel.



# So what did we study this month?

**We will be looking at maternal deprivation and child attachment in Developmental Psychology.**

Developmental Psychology – is the study of children and their development from birth. Students participated in their very first debate on Nature vs Nurture.

This is a key area of concern in early childhood development, and the argument is based around how a child's experience and environment can have a huge impact on an individual mental and physical development.



## Child Development

*the process through which human beings typically grow and mature from infancy through adulthood*



EARLY BABY DEVELOPMENT

# Developmental Psychology



## Child Development:

We studied several Child Development Case Studies, a famous one that is widely recognized in medical and psychological journals was called Genie, a child who was severely malnourished and locked away in her home by her father as he deemed her as mentally unstable with low IQ.

Genie was locked away from birth till the age of 12 when discovered by the police. A neighbor reported to the police that they could hear screaming noise. Soon the police and social workers discovered a little girl was locked in a small dark room with no heating no light and no bedding. This young girl was called Genie, and had the mental age of an 18 month old baby, she could not walk, talk or communicate with anyone. Due to very little interaction, they found Genie could not speak but only yell and could not use the toilet either but locked in her chair for 12 hours a day. The mother and father were arrested for child abuse and neglect.

Researchers discovered that due to poor primary socialisation and maternal deprivation, Genie was never able to catch up to the average 12 year old regardless of how much support was provided by Educational Psychologist. This study provided important knowledge about Maternal deprivation and how having mother love and human interaction during childhood is as important as having vitamins and nutrients for the body. (Bowlby)



**Professor Susan Curtis who cared for Genie.**

# What's new?

We are so proud to announce that our psychology students were nominated to participate in the student council leadership team.



Grade 11A:

Mahra - President

Dhabi - Vice President

Fatima - Tolerance

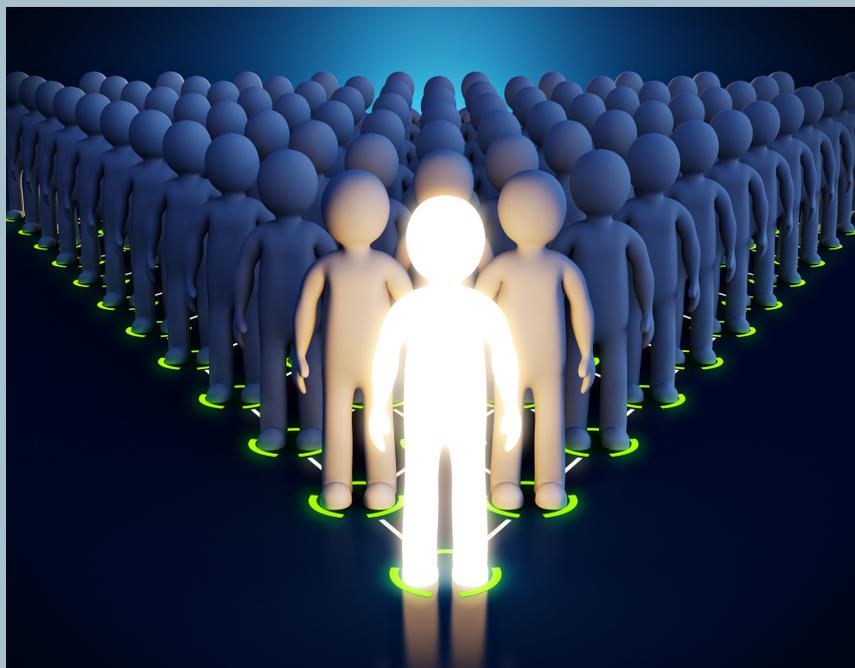
Shahd - Secretary

Noor - Treasurer

Khadija - Ministry of Innovation

Grade 11B

Mansour - President

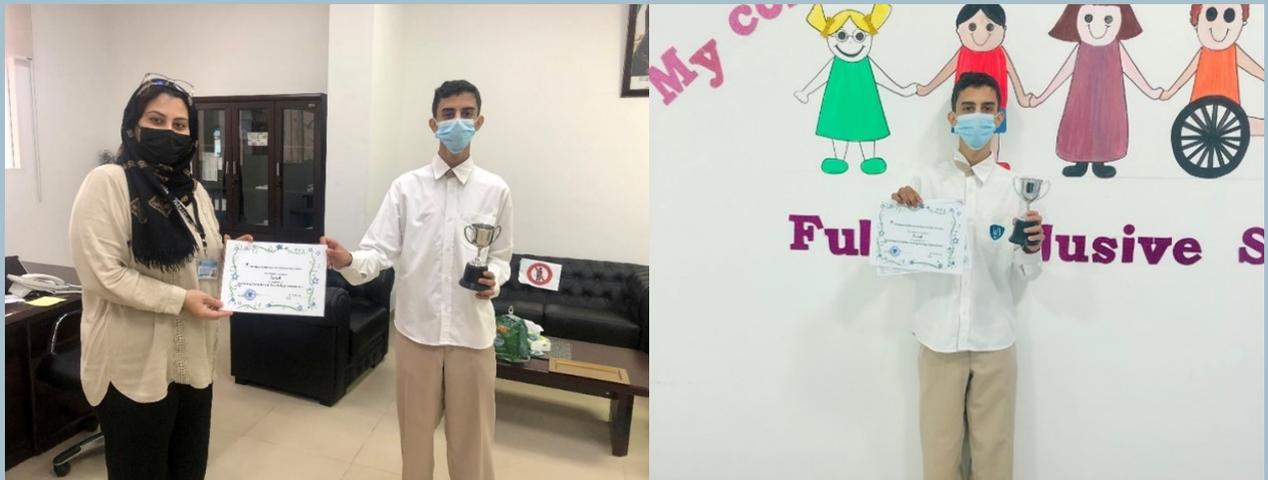


# Student Awards

## Highest Mark for Midterm



Grade 11B Faisal Saeed



Grade 11A Noor

