

Subject: *Psychology*

Exam Board: *AQA*



Welcome to A-level Psychology. We are delighted that you are considering this A-level as an option in Year 12 and 13. To demonstrate your commitment to the course and to prepare you for September, you must complete the following tasks to the best of your ability. These tasks are compulsory and must be completed within the deadlines set.

We expect you spend at least 3-4 hours completing the tasks outlined in this pack. The activities have been designed to help you begin to develop some of the key skills and understanding you will need for A-level Psychology.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand some research methods used by Psychologists
- Conduct and write up a psychological investigation including the collection and analysis of data
- Discuss the different approaches within psychology.

Contacts for Support:

- Mrs George – Please email via Outlook, use chat on Teams or visit room 62.
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What is A level Psychology?



Many people when they hear the word psychology think of mental illness and abnormal behaviour. But psychologists are not concerned with extreme case of human behaviour, they also investigate very ordinary behaviour such as child rearing, memory, how to make friends, sleeping and dreaming.

Psychology can therefore be defined as the scientific study of human behaviour and experience. Psychology aims to describe, explain, predict and modify behaviour. Psychology is a fascinating subject not least because it's about you and me and everyone around us.

It could be suggested that each of us in our own unique way is a psychologist because we all try to explain the behaviour of other people. The A-level Psychology course asks a range of questions about human behaviour:

- Why do we think in the ways that we do?
- Why do we feel in the ways that we do?
- Why do we act in the ways that we do?
- What are the different techniques that psychologists have used to study our thinking, feeling and action?

Careers you can consider with Psychology:



Career possibilities directly relating to Psychology include being a psychologist, psychotherapist, social worker, counsellor, human resource manager, researcher and working in media, advertising or public relations. Psychology students are good all-rounders. They tend to be inquisitive and analytical, and are happy tackling both 'big picture' issues and fine detail. They typically have good social skills and are comfortable dealing with others. To explore more about specific Psychology careers please look at the British Psychological Society website at <https://careers.bps.org.uk/>

Skills you will have learnt upon completion of Psychology A level:

- Communication skills
- Research skills
- Data collection and analysis skills
- Problem solving skills
- Essay writing skills
- Report writing skills
- Interpreting and evaluating events, information and ideas
- Time management and organisation skills
- Applying theory to real world scenarios
- Understanding and open mindedness



Overview of transition lessons:

Lesson 1: Introduction to Psychology A level and research methods used in Psychology.

Lesson 2: Putting it into Practice: The Matching Hypothesis Investigation

Lesson 3: How to analyse data and write up research

Lesson 4: What is this thing called Psychology anyway?

Homework tasks to be completed:



You will need to access the resource pack (given out in the transition lessons and available on the Year11 to Year 12 Transition team) to complete all of the tasks.

ACTIVITY		Hand in	Done
ONE	Write up of your matching hypothesis investigation	Complete on TEAMS before July 18 th , 2022	
TWO	Teams quiz: Online support in Psychology	Complete on TEAMS before September 6 th , 2022	
THREE	Register for Seneca and complete the first assignment – Introduction to Psychology A level	Complete online (Seneca) before September 6 th , 2022	
FOUR	Complete OU open learn course “Starting with Psychology”. Get your certificate of participation	Copy of OU Certificate handed in class in your first lesson with Mrs George in September	
FIVE	Complete the Maths Skills in Psychology tasks. Put your answers on the Answer Record Sheet (the back page of this booklet).	Hand in the answer record sheet in your first lesson with Mrs George in September	