



Year 12

Summer Transition Work

Psychology – AQA

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The following tasks are to be completed over the summer break and handed in during your first psychology lesson. This transition work is designed to introduce you to Psychology so you will understand more about it and make sure it is the right subject for you.

What is Psychology?

Psychology is the scientific study of people's minds and behaviour, and the primary goal is to describe, explain and predict why humans think and behave the way that they do.

Understanding human behaviour has an important impact on many areas of life, including health, education, industry, the economy and crime. It is for this reason that psychology is very broad and incorporates many different areas.

TASKS

Use the information on the given website links to answer the tasks. Do this handwritten on separate paper. Answer in your own words. As you are stepping up to A level study, you need to make an effort to avoid brief answers, and show instead that you can write detailed work.

1. Watch the myths about psychology. Pick one and write a paragraph to explain. You can research the myth in more detail if you wish, and add this information in.
https://www.ted.com/talks/ben_ambridge_10_myths_about_psychology_debunked?language=en
2. Biopsychology – the study of the brain. Psychology closely links with Biology. Watch this video [What do the PARTS of the Brain Do? | Localisation of Function](#) and complete this worksheet [3. Localisation of Function \(worksheet\)](#). If you haven't got access to a printer, then just make notes on paper, following the structure of the worksheet.
3. Current research - look at the BPS digest website. BPS stands for British Psychological Society. <https://www.bps.org.uk/collections/research-digest> Scroll and browse through the articles which are all summaries of recent research. Pick one that you find interesting. Write the title of it and then summarise this research study in 51 (5 sentences, then 5 key words then just 1 word). Study tip – this question is designed to help you actively process information. The 5 words should be separate key terms, not a short sentence.
4. Complete **one** of the following tasks (choose one, but do more if you wish)
 - ⇒ Using the careers guide, choose 2 careers that you think are the most interesting. Explain what the role does and explain why you find it interesting. [Psychology Careers Guide.pdf](#)
 - ⇒ Classic research – choose a study from the following list. Write how it was done and what the findings were. <https://www.onlinepsychologydegree.info/influential-psychological-experiments/>
4 Car Crash Experiment; 5 Cognitive dissonance study; 14 False Consensus study;
17 Stanford Prison; 21 Halo Effect; 24. Violinist at the Metro
 - ⇒ Maths - this self-paced online course walks you through the maths skills that you will need for A-Level Psychology, and how you can develop these. Bring in the notes you make as evidence you have done this task. <https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/maths-in-psychology-psychology-skills>
5. Active thinking - write down 2 questions that you have after reading about psychology and doing these tasks.
6. Tell me why you have chosen Psychology and what other subjects you are hoping to study at sixth form.