

Year 11→Year 12 Psychology Transition Task



Subject: Psychology



Objectives:

- 1) To understand the application/use of Psychology in everyday life.
- 2) Grasp a good understanding of the origin of psychology, key concepts & approaches in the study of Psychology.
- 3) Develop an understanding of Research Methods.

FINAL OUTCOME:

- ❖ To have an awareness of the origins of Psychology.
- ❖ Demonstrate a good awareness of assumptions of key approaches in Psychology via the production of posters.
- ❖ Understand core Research Methods concepts.

DEADLINE: First Psychology lesson of the new academic term.

EXPECT a TEST on induction tasks in the first week of arrival! So make sure you have LEARNT the material 😊

The start of many more challenges to expect on the course!

****All tasks to be YOUR OWN WORK & NOT DIRECTLY EXTRACTED FROM THE INTERNET PLEASE.***

COMPULSORY PREPARATORY TASKS:

(NOT OPTIONAL!)

Welcome to A level Psychology 😊 I am very excited about introducing you to this fascinating subject and I am sure you will come to love it as much as I do. As you will be new to the study of Psychology, it is really important that you prepare yourself fully for the course.

Task 1. Research the origins of Psychology: *Wundt, Introspection and the emergence of psychology as a science.* Key notes should be summarised on one side of **A4 paper**.

Task 2. Key approaches – Different approaches in Psychology were once called ‘schools of thought’. Each hold KEY assumptions about the causes of behaviour and use a common set of concepts when giving an explanation. You need to create an **A4 poster** for each approach including their *key assumptions, strengths, weaknesses, concepts, relevant research & key Psychologists*.

Please make it colourful, stimulating, and engaging (use images)...they will be judged & may be used for display! Important -You will need to file the posters as they will be crucial to your understanding of the course and formulate year 1 & year 2 program of study.

1. Biological approach
2. Psychodynamic approach
3. Learning approaches
4. Humanistic approach
5. Cognitive approach

→You should be prepared to talk briefly about what you have found about each approach.

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Task 3.

A good way to begin your understanding of the key topic area of **Research methods** is to explore the number of different and varying methods employed by psychologists to conduct research.

Provide A4 summary pages outlining **key features** for each of the following research methods that are used in Psychology; a) Experiments b) Observational techniques c) Interviews d) Questionnaires e) Correlation f) Case studies.

- You **MUST** also include **2 advantages and disadvantages** of each method **and** provide an **example research** study illustrating the use each of the methods from the world of Psychology in your summary page for each method. 😊

ASSESSMENT FOCI: You will be assessed on your level of commitment to the task demands, your first internal assessment, your ability to engage in group and class discussion, the quality of your posters and level of independent research undertaken. This will help formulate an academic profile of you.

I look forward to seeing you in September with all **3 tasks** fully completed. The tasks should give you a feel for what Psychology is all about. When we start the A-level Psychology course you need to be ready to work hard straight away and give nothing less than 100%.

Mrs Bans 😊

For your information, the Spec and Textbook details below- You are NOT required to purchase anything until you join the course in September- I would like to show you the various options before you purchase anything.

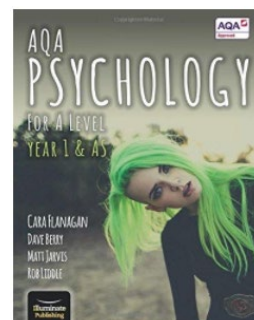
Exam Spec-<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182/subject-content-a-level>

Recommended textbook;

AQA Psychology for A Level Year 1 & AS - Student Book

Rob Liddle, Cara Flanagan, Dave Berry, Matt Jarvis

ISBN: 9781908682406
Publisher: Illuminate Publishing
Key Stage: KS5



Extension Task 😊

Looking to the future: You could research the different types of jobs/careers that can be accessed with a Psychology degree. . . Use websites like 'The British Psychological Society':

<http://www.bps.org.uk>



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