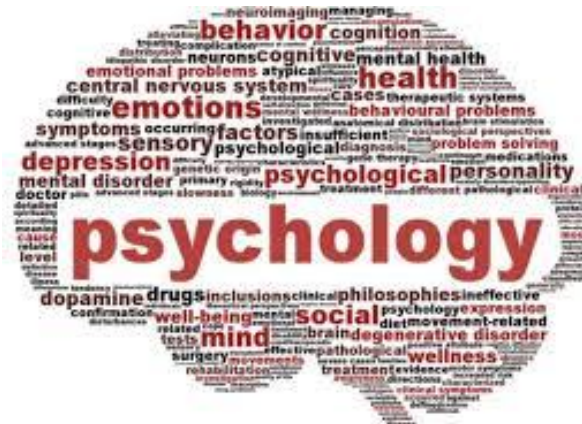


RUSHCLIFFE
SPENCER ACADEMY

A level psychology summer transition work for year 11 into 12.



Name:

Previous School:



Welcome to psychology and the summer transition work.

The idea of this is to introduce you to some of the theories, ideas, concepts and studies that we investigate within psychology. **We use the AQA specification.**

Psychology will be a new subject to most of you so it is important that you gain as much information as you possibly can and that you see what this subject has to offer. It can be a big jump moving from GCSE's to A levels and whilst psychology can be challenging it also brings in some great ideas, insight and understanding of the world and people around us.

Read through the tasks in this booklet and complete the project and bring with you on the first day you start in sixth form. We hope that you enjoy this project as you start your A level journey.

Have a great summer and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

Researching



To help you research this information – please don't copy and paste big chunks from the internet. You need to phrase these in your own words.

Internet sites to visit to help you: Tutor2u (psychology), youtube, simply psychology, save my exams, Physics and maths tutor, British Psychological society – student section.

Other internet sites I have used - please note them down

Some definitions and concepts – please find these out....

Concept	Definition
Psychology	
Lab Experiment	
Natural Experiment	
Field experiment	
Observation	
Case study	
Validity	
Reliability	
Cognitive psychology	
Developmental psychology	
Biological psychology	
Evolution	
Behaviourism	
Social Learning theory	
Psychodynamic theory	

Part two: - researching the different approaches within psychology

Complete the sections within the boxes –

THE BIOLOGICAL APPROACH

How does the biological approach attempt to explain the causes of human behaviour? (e.g. depression, OCD, Schizophrenia)

Identify how the biological approach suggests psychological conditions should be treated.

The biological approach can be accused of being deterministic – what does this mean?

What does genotype and phenotype mean?

THE BEHAVIOURIST APPROACH

Who are the main founders of the behaviourist approach?

When did this approach develop?

Identify the main study from each of the founders (they should both be using animals – rats/dogs)

Identify the main assumptions of this approach

What kinds of research methods do the behaviourists use?

Identify how this approach might explain phobias.

THE COGNITIVE APPROACH

What are the main assumptions of the cognitive approach?

Identify some areas in psychology that use the cognitive approach?

How does the cognitive approach explain human behaviour?

What therapy does the cognitive approach use – briefly explain it.

Part three: - researching a classic study.

Your task is to research one of the key studies that we use in psychology and at some point during the term you will need to recall this as a summary in test conditions. But you need to research it and make some notes (which can be added to later if needed).

Please select **one** from the following:

- Milgrams Study of obedience
- Asch's study of conformity
- Ainsworth's strange situation
- Loftus and Palmer's leading questions study
- Van Ijzendoorn and Kroonenberg's cross cultural study of attachment
- Bowlby's 44 thieves study

Just type the name of the researcher into google to find out the information – simply psychology or tutor2u have some good information. Youtube helps explain it well.

You should produce a fact sheet based on one of these key studies above to include:

- The aim of the study
- The research methodology and procedures – what type of experiment, participants, what did they actually do in the study?
- What were their findings / results.
- What conclusions can be drawn from this experiment – ie what does this mean (any theories it supports)
- Any strengths or weaknesses from this experiment/study.

Use pictures if you can.

This work can be completed by hand or on the computer and printed out. If it is on separate paper please include it in this booklet.

