

Psychology

Summer Work Booklet



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AQA A level Psychology Summer Transition Work

Your A Level Psychology course will be divided into three papers. Each paper is 2 hours long. The topics are below:

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Social Influence	Approaches	Issues & Debates
Attachments	Bio Psychology	Relationships
Memory	Research methods	Schizophrenia
Psychopathology		Forensics

Within Psychology we will look at a number of key studies. It will be useful to you if you have already gained some knowledge on some of these studies. Below are two key studies within the Social Influence section of the course.

Complete the tasks below:

Social Influence:

Solomon Asch's conformity experiment

Asch's experiment:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYlh4MkcfJA> – a video of the experiment

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/conformity-asch-1951> - notes on the experiment

Make some brief notes as to what this experiment is about – think aims, procedures, results and conclusions.

Social Influence:

<https://simplypsychology.org/milgram.html> - Read the information on Milgram's key study on obedience and watch the clip.

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Psychopathology:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yT_F0dMZRU (Part 1)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3rHTm1YLxA> (part 2) – Stephen Fry - The Secret Life Of The Manic Depressive. BBC

Watch the documentary and make notes on the key symptoms that someone with manic depression (bipolar disorder) would experience. Explain why the behaviours would be considered to be abnormal.

Wider reading:

There are many sources that you can use but below are some of the key websites that will prove helpful to you throughout your A Level. Take some time and find your way around these sites in time for your September start.

- www.simplypsychology.org – nice and summarised notes on all topics covered
- www.ted.com – excellent for wider reading to stretch your knowledge
- www.youtube.com – you will find lots of good clips on key studies, key concepts and exam questions here. Just search.
- www.tutor2Up.com – an absolute must – create your free student account now.

Above all make sure that you log onto FIREFLY and have a look around the Psychology section. We will be using this for every lesson as from September, so get ahead of yourself now.

Finally:

If you want to *really* get ahead you can enrol onto this **FREE online 18 hour** course.

www.coursera.org/learn/introduction-psych#

It's specific for Psychology and provided by the University of Toronto. It covers:

- ☐ History and scientific method
- ☐ The Matter of the Mind
- ☐ Sensation, Perception, Attention and Awareness
- ☐ Learning
- ☐ Memory
- ☐ The Social Mind
- ☐ Mental Illness
- ☐ Videos by Request

If this doesn't take your fancy – have a look on google and you will find lots of free Psychology courses that you can enrol on. Not only will this help you're a Level understanding, it also looks great on your personal statement for university.

Good luck and see you in September.

