

# GET READY TO STUDY PSYCHOLOGY

If you are planning to study Psychology with us in September, please review this document and complete the required activities. Please bring the completed activities with you at induction.

## FAQ

### **What specification will I study?**

We study the AQA specification.

Use the QR code to see the specification.



### **How many lessons will I have a week?**

You'll have 4 lessons a week, each lesson is 1 hour and 5 minutes.

### **Who can I contact if I have a question about this subject?**

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### **What subjects go well with Psychology?**

Criminology, Sociology, Health and Social Care, Biology

### **What grades should I have?**

We ask for a GCSE point score of 5 or above to study an A Level programme. This will include a 5 or above in English Language and Maths. A GCSE point score of between 4.75 and 5 will require a discussion with a Curriculum Manager.

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

<b>In Year 1, you will study the following topics:</b>  Social Influence Memory Attachment Psychopathology Research methods Approaches in psychology	<b>In Year 2, you will study the following topics:</b>  Biopsychology Issues and debates Gender Schizophrenia Forensic psychology Gender Schizophrenia
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## WHAT WILL I NEED?

To study the course, you will need the following equipment:

- A folder with dividers
- Lined paper
- Pens and pencils
- Highlighters
- A ruler
- Whiteboard pens (non-permanent)
- A calculator

We would also ask that you purchase a textbook - details will be given in class.

## FIND OUT MORE

These activities are to help broaden your understanding of the subject in preparation for studying this subject at an advanced level.

Careers	<a href="https://www.bps.org.uk/careers">Careers   Your journey into psychology (bps.org.uk)</a>
YouTube	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8v1U11111111111111111111">tutor2u psychology - YouTube</a>
Further Reading / Useful websites	<a href="https://www.simplypsychology.org/">Study Guides for Psychology Students - Simply Psychology</a>

# INDUCTION TASK

**The following activities need to be completed and brought to your first lesson. You can either type in your answers and print them out, or write your answers on A4 paper lined paper and bring those in. Either way is fine, but you must bring a physical copy to class.**

Please read the instructions and complete the activities. You will need this in your first Psychology lesson. Please try your best, but don't worry if you need help. Email [r.thompson@barnsley.ac.uk](mailto:r.thompson@barnsley.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

## **Activity One**

Answer the following questions, use the internet to help you.

1. What is Psychology?
2. What was Psychology previously studied as?
3. Is Psychology a science? Explain your answer
4. What is an aim?
5. What is a hypothesis?
6. What is a one-tailed (directional) hypothesis?
7. What is a two-tailed (non-directional) hypothesis?
8. What is a null hypothesis?
9. What is an independent variable?
10. What is a dependent variable?

## **Activity Two**

### **Bandura's Bobo Doll experiment**

Follow the QR code to "Simply Psychology" where you can read the procedure for the study and watch the short video.



## **Questions**

1. What was the aim of the study?
2. What was the research method used?
3. What were the three conditions?
4. The study involved modelling; how did the model behave in the aggressive condition?
5. Describe the test for delayed imitation.
6. Give three results from the study.
7. One conclusion from the study is that children can learn behaviour by observation. Bandura suggests this has important implications for media- can you think of any?

### **Activity Three**

#### **Peterson And Peterson Experiment: Duration of Short-Term**

Follow the QR code to “Tutor2u” where you can read the procedure for the study.



### **Questions**

1. What type of research method was used in this study?
2. What is a trigram? Give an example.
3. After hearing a trigram, what were participants required to do?
4. What was the independent variable?
5. What was the dependent variable?
6. What percentage of the trigrams were recalled after 18 seconds?
7. What was the conclusion from the study?

### **Activity Four**

#### **Obedience in a natural setting. Hofling (1966)**

As well as learning the studies we also need to critically assess them. Read the following study and answer the questions.

Identical boxes of capsules were placed in 22 wards in different hospitals in the USA. The capsules were placebos but were labelled “5mg of astrofen” with a warning that 10mg was the maximum daily dose. While a nurse was on duty a “Dr Smith” (fake doctor) telephoned instructing the nurse to give 20 mg of astrofen to a patient.

To comply with the request, the nurse would need to break three basic rules:

1. the dose was above the maximum daily dose,
2. drugs should only be given with written authorisation,
3. the nurse must be certain that “Dr Smith” was a genuine doctor.

Observations showed that 21 out of 22 nurses obeyed the request.

### **Questions**

1. When and where was the study conducted?
2. What is a placebo?
3. Give two of the rules a nurse would need to break to obey “Dr Smith”.
4. What percentage of nurse obeyed the request?
5. Why do you think was there such a high rate of obedience? Explain your answer.
6. Would you get the same results today? Explain your answer.