

AS Psychology Summer Homework



Welcome to A-level Psychology! You have chosen to study an interesting, dynamic, scientific subject! Students who do well on the course and who are entered for exams put in as much time outside of lessons learning and revising – this is expected at A level.

Please complete the following task and submit your written response in your first psychology lesson:

Individual task: What is psychology and what do you think you will find challenging in this subject? (1 page response)

Research Task: Identify three different types of experiment. What are their pros and cons? Can you identify examples of any of these experiments from the memory / attachment chapters?

Explain what we mean by 'experimental design' and 'sampling'. What designs and sampling methods are available? Complete a table to explain the pros and cons of using these methods.

Experimental design	Strengths	Limitations

Sampling method	Strengths	Limitations

You should spend a minimum of two hours on these tasks.

You should also have bought or have ordered the new textbook needed for the course, if you are unable to afford this, please let us know at the start of the course. (There are a few available in the college library but it is essential to have your own)

AQA Psychology for A level by Cara Flanagan et al (2015) Illuminate Publishing

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You also need bring to your first lesson; pens, A4 paper, a **folder** for class notes and a note book for key terms. These will be checked throughout the course.

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