

A Level Psychology

Summer Preparation Homework

Introduction

Hello and welcome to A Level Psychology. Unlike many of your other subjects, Psychology will be completely new to most of you and you may have some misconceptions about it. This booklet aims to give you an introduction that will let you see the kind of things that psychologists study and some of the techniques they use, but also to extend the knowledge of those of you who studied the subject at GCSE. This will hopefully give you an accurate picture of what you will spend the next two years studying if you are accepted on to the course. One other thing, please remember that Psychology is a science and we will be doing quite a bit of research, maths, statistics (not in this booklet though) and essay writing about theories and research.

How to complete this booklet

1. This booklet is designed to run alongside the Open University's free course '**Starting with psychology**'. You will need to log onto the OU website and create an account then enrol on the 'starting with psychology course' when you have completed the course you can print off a free certificate of participation from the OU.
2. The course has several activities to complete as you work through it. Record your responses/notes in the places provided. I have set additional questions for you to answer as you progress. I hope you enjoy it, I did.
3. Follow this link to the Open University website <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>
 - Click 'free courses' from the bar across the top of the screen.
 - Scroll down and search 'starting with psychology' in the search bar.
 - Under the blue heading 'health, sport and psychology', third from the bottom select 'starting with psychology'.
 - Then click 'create account/sign in'
 - Create an account and submit (this could take up to 48 hours to process at the moment)
 - Then click 'sign in to return to the page you were on'
 - Sign in
 - Click 'enrol now'
 - And begin the course,

You will need to enrol and complete this booklet successfully before you start the A level Psychology course. If you have any difficulty email me mas@ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk

4. You need to print off this booklet, or if printing is a problem make your own booklet by hand.
5. At the end of each section create a key word list. There is a sheet at the end for you to fill in as you go along.
6. In September, in a ring binder folder must be:
 - The completed booklet
 - Your certificate of participation (you can print this at school if needed)

Challenge task

Within the booklet there is space for you to go into more detail if you wish. You can look deeper into each section by doing some additional research into the individual concepts, this might include more description, or the strengths and weaknesses of research or theories you have described.

Extend yourself

Read through the 'Psychology Optional Introductory Work' document and try some recommendations. There are books, documentaries and other online courses you can try.