



SIXTH FORM BRIDGING WORK

Get Ready for *Psychology*



Getting organised: Make sure you have set up a Learning Folder (see Sixth Form file check for content). The PLCs (Personal Learning Checklists) should be at the front.

Subject mind-set and BIG picture thinking...

Be ready to explore human behaviour from many different approaches. Be ready to look at evidence and to be critical. Be ready to learn and use some tricky technical language, and to speak like a psychologist. And be ready to accept that there are no easy explanations of human behaviour!

Please complete the following tasks ahead of starting the Sixth Form:

Work to complete

ESSENTIAL – we will refer to this work early in the course

Find out about these pieces of research, and write a description of them using these sub-headings:

Aim - what was the purpose of the experiment?

Method – what they did

Findings – the results

Conclusion – what this shows

Hofling (1966) Hospital experiment [Hofling Hospital Experiment of Obedience](#)

Bickman (1974) Power of uniform experiment

Sherif (1935) Autokinetic effect <https://www.simplypsychology.org/conformity.html>

Jenness (1932) Beans in a jar <https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/conformity-jenness-1932>

Also make sure you are familiar with these terms as they apply to psychology:

Independent and dependent variables

Directional hypothesis and non-directional hypothesis

Extraneous and confounding variables

Operationalised variables

Population and sample

Finally, do your best to answer this question:

What is the scientific approach, and how does Psychology use it?

OPTIONAL – to give you additional insight, but not necessarily linked to the course

[All in the Mind](#) – A fantastic series for anyone interested in Psychology exploring aspects of psychology and mental health.

[The SciShow - Psychology](#) – Fun and interesting YouTube channel, although Hank the presenter is somewhat like marmite

Recommended text books
<p>AQA Psychology for A Level : Year 1 and AS Third edition by Flanagan, Liddle and Jarvis</p> <p>(we use the revision guide for this in class rather than the full textbook)</p>
Recommended websites you should be familiar with
<p>Tutor2u.net/psychology</p> <p>Simplypsychology.org</p>
Related magazines
<p>Psychology Review</p>
Recommended books & revision guides (Download the exam board recommended reading list)
<p>CGP A-Level Psychology revision guide (really not essential)</p>
Possible places to visit
<p>Freud museum</p>