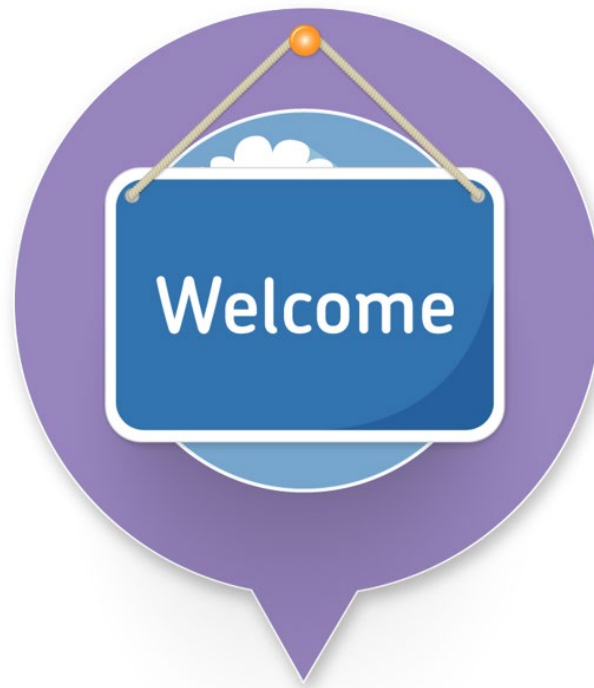


Psychology @ NHGS



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Transition work for Psychology for September 2024

Dear student,

Thank you for opting to study A-level Psychology at North Halifax Grammar School in September. Prior to the start of the course, it is extremely important for you to conduct some independent work at home to prepare you for your A-level studies. The work that you will complete will be background work to ensure you have some insight into Psychology. Psychology may be a new subject for some of you, therefore conducting some research in the area is vital so that you can have a better idea about what you will be studying for the next two years. I would like you to complete the following free online course so you can familiarise yourself with the course you are about to start:

<https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/introduction-to-aqa-a-level-psychology>

Psychology is an interesting subject, that gives you opportunities to look at a wide range of topics from a variety of perspectives, using studies and theories to develop a clear understanding of human behaviour.

It is important to remember that Psychology is a science that involves you observing how individual behaviour and looking for explanations as to why this behaviour takes place. It is very important for you to keep up with the news and current affairs as advancements in Psychology are continuously changing and you must be able to apply real world experiences to your studies.

I know you will complete each of the tasks in this booklet to the best of your ability and look forward to discussing them with you in September and beyond.

You may find the following free online course useful when completing the tasks:

<https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/transition-to-aqa-alevel-psychology-skills-booster>

If you are interested to do any other research then see the links on the other document in the transition work section with recommended reading, watching and listening material.

The department and I are looking forward to meeting you in the sixth form.

Mrs Jonas

Head of department for Social sciences

Course title: AQA Psychology for A-level

Course Link: <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/psychology/as-and-a-level/psychology-7181-7182>



Task one - find the definitions for the following:

What is psychology?	
Validity - including the different types	
Reliability - including the different types	
Demand characteristics	
Investigator effects	

Task two - find out about the origins of psychology:

Where did it begin?	
When did it become a discipline in its own right?	
Which psychologists and theories have had the greatest influence on the discipline?	
Where does it stand today?	

Create a timeline for psychology – include all the key events from experimental philosophy up to cognitive neuroscience.

There are nine key events:

Task three:

There are a range of different approaches in psychology. You should have a brief overview of these from the first set of work. You are now going to look at these in more detail. We would like you to research and get down some information on the following approaches:

	Main assumptions	Study	Strengths	Limitations
Behaviourist approach				
Biological approach				
Cognitive approach				
One other approach of your choice:				

Useful websites:

www.aqa.org.uk

www.tutor2u.net

www.bps.org.uk

www.psychboost.com

www.simplypsychology.org