



6th Form 2026 Summer Transition Work

SUBJECT:	PSYCHOLOGY
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The AQA A Level Psychology course explores the scientific study of the mind and human behaviour. In Year 12 you will learn core topics such as Memory, Attachment, Social influence and Clinical Health and Mental disorders. The Year 13 course will include more complex areas like Issues and Debates, Schizophrenia, Aggression and Cognition & Development. The course teaches how psychological theories are developed, researched, and applied in real-life situations. It's perfect for anyone curious about why people think, feel, and behave the way they do.

Listed below are the pre-reading and preparatory tasks you should complete prior to commencing your 6th form course. These tasks are designed to help you transition smoothly and succeed academically and personally in your new environment.

Task	Resources or Guidance
1. <u>Why do people obey?</u> <i>Adolf Eichmann famously used the defence "I was just following orders" to justify his actions in the Holocaust. He followed Hitler's command and arranged the persecution of millions of men, women, and children.</i> <i>-Carry out research and write an article (1-2 pages) on "<u>Why do people obey?</u>"</i> <i>Use psychological theories to discuss some factors that may affect obedience eg Authoritarian personality and Locus of control</i>	YOUTUBE VIDEOS: <i>Explanations for Obedience AQA Psychology A-level</i>  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGbLqIPx0cI  <i>Milgram's Experiments Obedience to Authority AQA Psychology</i>  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6RtemqLBCs  <i>Dispositional Explanations for Obedience AQA A Level Psychology</i>  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpSUHEwVIVU  <i>The Agentic State and Legitimacy of Authority Social Influence</i>  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xahGgrQirZk  <i>Milgram's Research AQA A Level Psychology</i>  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BpevDL-nSzk

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What was Elizabeth Loftus' contribution to Psychology? Watch the TED talk by Elizabeth Loftus and bullet point her contributions to Psychology, particularly in the field of eye-witness testimony.	WEBSITE LINK – TED TALK https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PB2Oegl6wvI
"We are not born with fears – we learn them" Do you agree? Write a one-page justification for your stance on the statement above.	- Own research to be carried out. - Include a reference list on your document.

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