



Pre-entry Preparation, Requirements and Recommendations

Welcome to A level Psychology at Comberton Sixth Form.

Preparation

To prepare for the course we strongly recommend that you keep up to date with current psychological issues around the World. This can be achieved by reading a quality newspaper on a regular basis, reading periodicals such as New Scientist or Psychology Review, researching psychological ideas and theories on the internet and watching psychology documentaries. To help you prepare we'd also like you to complete the following tasks:

1. As a good introduction we would like you watch the following 3 programmes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ks-Mh1QhMc>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dFSIMh7dNE>

<https://www.channel4.com/programmes/three-identical-strangers/episode-guide/?fbclid=IwAR3YgwBq74DbH5UqdniCWTzYLsqFg7fQNJ-BUSpht5SGK03uKo7Efw5tjKE>

If you are interested there are LOTS more excellent psychology themed TED talks you can watch, the documentary by Stacey Dooley – 'On the Psych Ward' is also recommended (on BBC iPlayer) and 'Babies' if you have Netflix.

2. Criminal psychology looks at the interaction between psychology and criminology and criminal justice. It is concerned with using psychological research and theories to analyse and improve the criminal justice system. Try the 'You be the Judge' activity by following this link. YOU hear the case, YOU decide the sentence!

<http://ybtj.justice.gov.uk/>

3. Choose one of the following psychologists and produce a one page biography outlining their key theories and research: Freud, Bandura, Loftus, Milgram, Raine or Ainsworth.

Requirements

You will need an A4 file to store your notes, along with lined paper and stationary that includes the following: Pens and pencils, Highlighter pen, Ruler, Calculator, Protractor, Compass

Recommendations

We recommend students purchase the following textbook to support them in the course:

Year 1: OCR A level psychology AS and Year 1 by Matt Jarvis, Julie Russell, Lizzie Gauntlet and Fiona Lintern. Published by OUP Oxford. ISBN: 978-0198332756

Year 2: OCR Psychology for A Level: Book 2 by Cara Flanagan, Anna Horwitz, Jock McGinty and Rob Liddle. Published by Illuminate Publishing. ISBN: 978-1911208198

There are also a number of revision guides published by Hodder that we will recommend to students throughout the course.

If you have any queries about your course preparation please contact Eleanor Jenkins ejenkins@combertonvc.org