



# 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 2 programmes:

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

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

If you have Netflix we would also recommend watching 'Three identical Strangers', a fascinating documentary about three identical triplets separated at birth for a psychology experiment.

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. 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 stationery that includes the following: Pens and pencils, Highlighter pen, Ruler, Calculator, Protractor, Compass

## Recommendations

We recommend students purchase the following textbooks to support them in the course. We usually offer the opportunity to purchase textbooks/revision guides with a 25% discount in September:

**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**

OR

**OCR Psychology for A Level Book 1 by Louise Ellerby-Jones, Sandra Latham, Nigel Wooldridge. Published by Hodder. ISBN: 978-1471835902**

**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**

**Revision guide: OCR Psychology for A Level & AS Revision Guide by Cara Flanagan and Jock McGinty. Published by Illuminate Publishing. ISBN: 978-1913963248**

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