

SUMMER WORK PSYCHOLOGY

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Exam Board

AQA

Specification

7182

COURSE DETAILS

Examination

The course is examined as a whole at the end of Year 13.

Unit 1: Introductory topics in Psychology (Year 1).

Students will study four topics within this unit: **Social Influence, Attachment, Psychopathology and Memory**. Each topic requires students to explain key concepts and ideas, evaluate those ideas using research evidence and also to apply knowledge to an unseen scenario.

Unit 2: Psychology in context (Year 1 and 2).

For this unit students will study **Research Methods, Biopsychology and Approaches**. Students are asked to explain and evaluate a range of research methods and will also be assessed on their ability to analyse and perform basic calculations of data. The Approaches topic includes a range of psychological theories and students will need to be able to describe and evaluate each theory.

Unit 3: Issues and options in Psychology (Year 2 only).

This unit reflects the options chosen as well as the underpinning the Issues and debates topic. In the Issues and debates topic students will explore issues such as gender bias within Psychology. Options chosen in Year 2 are **Schizophrenia, Relationships and Forensic Psychology**.

SUMMER WORK FOR INTRODUCTION TO YEAR 12

TASK	TOPIC	
1.	Social influence	Research and produce a fact sheet on two key studies: 1) Milgram: Obedience to Authority 2) Zimbardo: Stanford Prison Experiment
2.	Psychopathology	Produce a fact file on each of the following mental disorders. Include symptoms, potential causes and treatments. 1) Phobias 2) Depression 3) OCD
3.	Attachment	Research and produce a fact sheet on two key studies: 1) Rutter et al (2011) English and Romanian Adoptee Study 2) Zeanah et al (2005) Bucharest Early Intervention Project
4.	Research methods	Research the definitions for the list of words and give examples where possible (see online attachment)
5.	Memory	Research and draw out the multi store memory of model . Explain how the model works using specialist terminology (2 paragraphs)
6.	Memory	The Reliability of Eye Witness Testimony Research how reliable our memory is by exploring research into Eye Witness Testimony and write an A4 sheet where you summarise your findings and your overall conclusions. Ensure you draw on research to support your points and go to the Innocence project's website to find a case study of someone imprisoned wrongly based on inaccurate eyewitness testimony. Elizabeth Loftus has dominated research in this field but has a one sided view. Ensure you find evidence for the view that we can trust witnesses.

		You will find the following websites useful: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• https://www.innocenceproject.org/• https://www.simplypsychology.org/• https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2014/10/how-reliable-eyewitness-testimony-scientists-weigh
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Wider reading:

- Baddeley, A., Eysenck, M., Anderson, C. (2014) Memory: Psychology Press
- Bowlby, J. (2005) The making and breaking of affectional bonds: Routledge
- Milgram, S. (2010) 'Obedience to Authority'. London: Pinter & Martin Ltd.

Helpful websites:

- <http://thepsychologist.bps.org.uk/>
- <https://www.simplypsychology.org/>
- <https://howardleague.org/>
- <https://youtube.com/c/psychboost>

TV documentaries/Films

- The Innocence Files (Netflix) – (Forensic Psychology)
- Three Identical Strangers (Netflix) – (Issues and Debates/Nature Vs Nurture)
- 100 Humans (Netflix) – (Attachments, social influence and ethics)
- The Creative Brain (Netflix) – (Biopsychology and Neuroscience)