

A Level Psychology Transition Work

For the attention of all aspiring Psychology students!

Please find below tasks to help you prepare for A level Psychology in September. These tasks will help you to prepare yourself for the suitability test in Psychology and cover topics and skills you will need to succeed in Psychology.

Preparation tasks:

- 1) Revise and practise your mathematical skills from GCSE - how to calculate decimals, ratios, fractions and percentages
- 2) Revise and practise how to calculate the mean, median, mode and range
- 3) Revise when you would use different graphical representations - bar charts, histograms (equal widths), pie charts and scattergrams. Practise drawing these.
- 4) Revise the structure and function of sensory, relay and motor neurons, and how electrical impulses transmit across the synapse

BBC Bitesize is an excellent resource to use for revising these concepts: [GCSE - England - BBC Bitesize](#)

Optional tasks:

- Check out the 'Bear it in MIND' YouTube channel - there are lots of playlists here for the different topics you will study in Psychology: [Bear it in MIND - YouTube](#)
- Psychology is real life. The best way to get a true understanding of Psychology and human behaviour is to research! Psychology in the UK is regulated by the British Psychological Society (BPS) - they publish articles which are based on current research here: [The British Psychological Society's Research Digest | BPS](#) Check out the website and read an occasional article or two to help you not only prepare for your A Level course, but just to get you thinking in the right frame of mind! If you prefer to listen to a podcast rather than read articles, find interesting 'PsychCrunch' podcasts here: [PsychCrunch | BPS](#)

If you have any questions about the tasks above or the course itself, please contact Mrs Gould on agould@corsham.wilts.sch.uk

See you in September!