



Psychology

We are asking all students to complete some Independent Preparatory Work over the summer, before they join Year 12 in September. You will need to bring this work to lessons as the content will be assessed through introductory assessments which will be completed within the few first weeks of the new term.

Tasks

There are loads of original footage of psychological experiments on YouTube.



Choose to research TWO from the following titles and make notes on the videos you watch.

Some of the quality may be 'old' – this is because some of the best studies were conducted in the 1960s.

Zimbardo prison experiment	Milgram obedience study
Bandura Bobo dolls	Sperry Split-brain research
Pavlov classical conditioning	Skinner rats and/or Skinner pigeons

During sixth form, you will be encouraged to complete MOOCs in your own time. These are short online courses into an array of topics, which are provided by universities. They are all free to complete (unless you want the certificate) and can provide you with additional knowledge and skills.

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Introduction to Cognitive Psychology: An Experimental Science

Learn how to use cognitive psychology experiments to explore how the mind works with this online psychology course.

★★★★☆ 4.5 (200 reviews) 30,319 enrolled on this course

This course is designed for anyone with an interest in the workings of the mind and how to study this through experiments.

To complete this course, go to:
[Introduction to Cognitive Psychology - Psychology Course - FutureLearn](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/an-introduction-to-cognitive-psychology-as-an-experimental-science)



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Extra reading

First read this article so you know what Psychology IS NOT:

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2012/jul/12/teaching-psychology-science> - you will be asked about this in September! 😊

There are plenty of books that can give you a taste of what your psychology lessons will be about.

All books on this list are based on key research that we will cover as part of our course. So, dig in and enjoy!

