

The Sixth Form at George Abbot

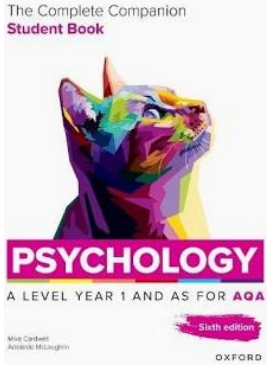
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Subject: Psychology

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Pre Sixth Form Tasks

Task	Detail	Demonstrated		
		Yes	Partially	No
<p>Organisation</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buy a ring binder folder and dividers. Put dividers in your folder. Put this sheet in the front of your folder. Buy the core textbook: The Complete Companions for AQA Psychology A Level: Year 1 and AS Student Book, 6th Edition (The Complete Companions for AQA, 6th Edition) Note: This textbook is available to buy online from 14th July 2025. NB: if you have difficulty doing this, please speak to Mrs Wrazen. 			
<p>Reading tasks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Read the 'Approaches in Psychology' chapter of the textbook. This is the topic we will be starting the course with. Research the BPS ethical guidelines. Make a list of them in your own words. Look for at least one research study that has been recently published on one of the following subject areas. (These are topics that you will be studying over the course of the year; use TV, radio, newspapers, internet, magazines etc. to help you). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social influence Memory Psychopathology Attachment Write a one page review describing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What has been found? How the research was conducted? What flaws you can spot in the method? Explain why you might agree or disagree with the findings. 			
<p>Additional reading</p>	<p>Wider reading: Find a book related to Psychology (use the core textbook to help you find a topic you're interested in) or choose a book from the list at the bottom of the page and read it over the summer holidays! Bookshops like Waterstones and WH Smith have an excellent range of</p>			

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	Psychology books. You can even find second hand books on sites like eBay or Vinted! You can also download books onto your phone or tablet or listen to them as Audiobooks.			
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Link to Subject Specification

The specification will be given to Year 12 students in their first lesson in September. The summer tasks relate to the following specification topics:

- Social influence
- Memory
- Psychopathology
- Attachment
- Approaches in psychology

Suggested Reading List and Subject Resources

Core textbook:

- **The Complete Companions for AQA Psychology A Level: Year 1 and AS Student Book, 6th Edition (The Complete Companions for AQA, 6th Edition), July 2025.**

Some good books you could read over the summer to give you a flavour of Psychology:

- Behave: The Biology of Humans at Our Best and Worst, Robert M. Sapolsky.
- The Psychology Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained - Big Ideas, DK (author).
- How Psychology Works: Applied Psychology Visually Explained, DK (author).
- The Memory Illusion, Forgetting, and the Science of False Memory, Dr Julia Shaw.
- Psychology: A Complete Introduction: Teach Yourself, Dr Sandi Mann.
- Why Love Matters: How affection shapes a baby's brain, Sue Gerhardt.
- Why We Sleep: The New Science of Sleep and Dreams, Matthew Walker.
- Thinking, Fast and Slow, Daniel Kahneman.
- The Psychopath Test: A Journey through the Madness Industry – Jon Ronson.
- 50 Great Myths of Popular Psychology: Shattering Widespread Misconceptions About Human Behavior – Scott O. Lilienfeld, Steven Jay Lynn, John Ruscio & Barry Beyerstein
- The Chimp Paradox, Professor Steve Peters.
- The Idiot Brain, Dean Burnett.

All tasks completed	Yes	No
Subject Teacher Signature		