

Task 1 - Download & print off the specification here: (5-10 mins)

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Topics covered in A-level Psychology

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Social influence	Approaches in Psychology	Issues & Debates
Memory	Biopsychology	Cognition & Development
Attachment	Research Methods in Psychology	Schizophrenia
Clinical Psychology & Mental Health		Forensic Psychology

Task 2 – Reading and summary of Psychology Review article (2-3 hours)

This task will give you an insight into some of what is studied in A level Psychology including;

- Forensic Psychology and neural explanations of offending AND ways of dealing with offender behaviour
- Biological approaches to Psychology
- Biopsychology and ways of studying the brain
- Issues & debates in Psychology including ‘Nature v Nurture’ and ‘Free will v Determinism’

[Head injuries and criminal behaviour](#) [Open hyperlink for article](#))

Read the article at least twice, and write a summary (400-500 words) of the main areas addressed in the article.

Consider the following in your summary of research findings.

- What was found and how?
- Who are the participants? What do we know about their gender, age and upbringing?
- What do the findings suggest?
- Are these people responsible for their actions / crimes? Explain why / why not.
- How should these people be treated? Should they be punished? Explain your rationale.
- How else might this be studied?

Please bring this summary and your glossary of terms to your first Psychology lessons in September. It is likely that this will form the basis for a class discussion so make sure you understand what you’ve written.

If you are particularly interested, then Dr Ashok Jansari (one of the authors) has a YouTube channel where he discusses his research linked [here](#)

Task 2 –Psychology Key Terms Glossary– 60 minutes

- There will be some specialist terminology in the article. Keep a glossary of all the new terminology – the terms and your definitions
- Add as many terms as you find to your glossary
- Follow the format below, either typed or handwritten
- Test yourself by hiding either the definition or the explanation, or get someone else to test your knowledge

Key Term	Definition / explanation / example to illustrate (30-40 words)

Optional Extension (not included in time): If you are interested, you may explore a Psychology-themed documentary, podcast or book from the recommended list

Documentaries / TV/ Film

1. Babies (series on Netflix) - very useful for infant studies and attachment with cross-cultural research of newborns in different countries and settings.

Books

1. Zero Degrees of Empathy – Simon Baron-Cohen
2. The Psychopath Test – John Ronson
3. Behave - Robert Sapolsky

Websites

[The British Psychological Society's Research Digest | BPS](#) - this showcases newly published psychological research