



The Ferrers
Sixth Form



Psychology

Transition Tasks

Expectation:

- Complete all tasks
- Paragraph, research response and essay to be completed and handed in to the teacher during the first lesson of Year 12

Specification:

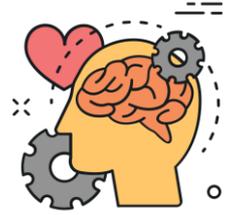
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Key Resources:

- [Psychologytoday.com](https://www.psychologytoday.com)
- [Psychological Research | Home \(springer.com\)](https://www.springer.com)



Summer Task:



Task 1:

As part of the A level Psychology course, you will study 'approaches to psychology'. The idea of an 'approach' is that psychologists working in these areas tend to have a general view on what causes behaviour. There are key differences across the approaches, and you will learn five:

- Biological
- Behaviourist
- Psychodynamic
- Humanistic
- Cognitive

Select one approach and research its contribution to Psychology. Write a detailed paragraph identifying the key assumptions and its main contributions.

Task 2:

A level Psychology involves learning many research studies. You will need to understand how studies are conducted, what they support or refute, and you will learn how to evaluate them. The key resources overleaf are good places to find up-to-date psychology research.

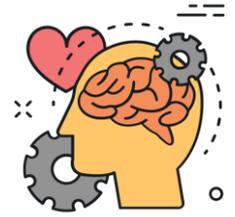
- Read at least three different articles on recent psychological research findings from this website.
- Summarise one piece of research that interested you the most on 1 side of A4 (this can be written by hand or electronically). You must include:
 - The research area
 - How the research was conducted
 - What the findings were
 - Why it interested you
 - Anything else that you feel is relevant

Your work can be presented in any way that you feel is most appropriate – poster, mind map, notes etc. Do not copy and paste anything from the website – you must engage in your chosen research and find ways to best present it.

Task 3:

Is Psychology a science? This is a question that has been debated for many years. Your task is to attempt a response to this question in an essay style response. You should aim to cover two arguments that support it is a science and two that suggest that it is not. Include an overall conclusion based upon your research findings. To complete this task, you will need to research this question. Again, you must not copy and paste, or employ ChatGPT or similar programmes, to produce your response.

Success Criteria:



Task 1:

- Your paragraph/paragraphs must be a minimum of 300 words in total
- Identify any practical applications on modern psychological practice
- Challenge: Compare two different approaches



Task 2:

- Complete your response on one side of A4
- Challenge: Can you identify any issues with the research?



Task 3:

- Ensure you have at least 2 arguments for psychology as a science and 2 against
- Your overall conclusion should 'weigh up' the differences
- Your response must be a minimum of 700 words in total
- Challenge: Identify your own opinion and justify it using the arguments that you have used in your response

