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Psychology - Sixth Form Pre-Course Task

Welcome to Psychology (AQA) A level! Psychology is the scientific study of the human mind and behaviour. During the next two years we will explore the following topics: memory, social influence, attachment, biopsychology, approaches in psychology, gender, schizophrenia, clinical psychology and mental health, research methods, issues and debates, and forensic psychology. Our course will involve learning about and conducting experiments and studies, as well as evaluating different approaches and ideas within the field of psychology.

In preparation for you joining us in September, please complete the following pre-course tasks where you will have the opportunity to showcase your prior knowledge, skills and to outline your specific areas of interest within this subject area more widely.

**You can write your responses directly into the boxes provided or type your responses on a separate document.*

TASK 1: Tell us how this subject links to your future aspirations.
For example, this might be the career you'd like to enter into or the apprenticeship/university course you'd like to pursue.

Useful website for careers guidance:

https://www.ucas.com/explore/search/courses?query=
https://www.ucas.com/careers-advice
https://findapprenticeshiptraining.apprenticeships.education.gov.uk/courses

https://uk.indeed.com/
https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/

TASK 2- Research: Using the links to help you, research what is meant by ethics in psychology, then find at least 2 examples of psychological studies that are not considered ethical.

Ethics in Psychology **- Ethics and Psychology | Reference Library | Psychology | tutor2u**

Read through the code of ethics (British Psychological Society) - Ethical principles | BPS - British Psychological Society

Watch the following video - Ethics (Psychology Issues Explained) #Alevel #Revision - YouTube

TASK 3-Written task (word count 300-500 words):
Should animals be used in psychological research? Give your response to this question with reasons to support your opinion.

Pre-course reading recommendations:
Intro to Psychology: Crash Course Psychology #1 - YouTube

Seneca - Start reading through topics 1 (social influence), 2 (Memory) and 5 (approaches)
Psychology: AQA A Level

Memory Podcast - https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m002c71g

Childhood attachment - Attachment: The What, the Why, and the Long-Term Effects · Frontiers for Young Minds

Social Influence - https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/when_going_along_with_the_crowd_may_be_good_for_teens

If you have any questions about this course or require any further information on the tasks set above, please contact nturner-frank@budmouth-aspirations.org

Please note that all pre-course tasks should be handed to your subject teacher by **Friday 11th September**, if these have been typed then please print them out before handing in.

We look forward to working alongside you and seeing all you can achieve on this course.

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