

## **AQA A-Level Psychology Bridging Work**

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### **Core Text(s)**

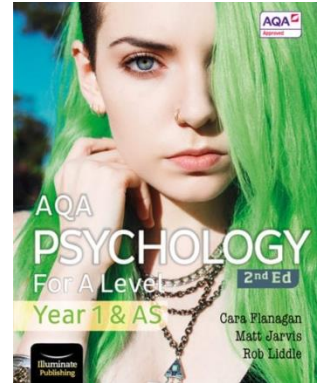
This is the textbook for the new Psychology specification – please order as soon as you can to ensure it is delivered before you start the course in September.

#### **AQA Psychology for A level**

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A Level Year 1 & AS

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### **Bridging Work (to be submitted in your first lesson in September)**

I am giving you a choice for your bridging work – you may either take a free Open University course which you can do online, or you may choose instead to do a ‘Psychology Timeline’ task which you can work on independently.

Psychology is the ‘scientific study of brain and behaviour’. Our understanding of our own behaviour and the workings of our brains has changed dramatically over time. We can trace psychological understanding from the early philosophers who first deduced that the brain was the source of conscious thought right the way through to modern brain scanning techniques giving us 3D images of neural networks in the living brain.

The purpose of this bridging work is to introduce you to many of the famous psychologists and their research which we will be covering during the course. We will be looking at ‘Approaches in Psychology’ which involves understanding the different ways psychologists view behaviour and its causes. The Psychology Timeline will be useful to you throughout the A level course.

#### **Choice 1: OpenLearn OU Course - EPOCH Psychology History Timeline**

If you wish you make take the following course as your bridging work – it’s free! Bring your course notes to class and your certificate of completion. This course can be added to your UCAS statement!

[EPOCH Psychology history timeline | Open University UK | Edupedia Online](#)

#### **Choice 2: Create a ‘Psychology Timeline’**

- Your timeline must include dates and plentiful written details of influential psychologists, psychological theories and studies.
- Illustrate your timeline by using as many images as you can.
- Present your timeline as a Word document or PowerPoint presentation.
- Please be prepared to present your work in class

Here are some links to help you:

<https://www.learner.org/series/discovering-psychology/explorations/history-of-psychology-contemporary-foundations/>

<https://www.verywellmind.com/timeline-of-modern-psychology-2795599>

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2009/mar/07/timeline-psychology-history>

Your timeline can include the following wonderful ideas and many more of your own:

- Plato's view of the brain
- Bedlam Hospital
- Descartes and Cartesian Dualism
- Franz Gall and Phrenology
- Phineas Gage
- Darwin's *The Origin Species*
- Paul Broca and Tan
- Wilhelm Wundt
- Sigmund Freud
- British Psychological Society
- Watson and Raynor's Little Albert Study
- Ivan Pavlov and Classical Conditioning
- Hans Berger records the first EEG recording of brain activity
- Skinner and Operant Conditioning
- Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs
- Asch's study of Conformity
- Milgram's study of Obedience
- Zimbardo's Stanford Prison Experiment
- Harry Harlow's experiments with monkeys
- Bandura's Bobo Doll Study
- Bowlby's Theory of Attachment
- Ainsworth's Strange Situation
- Beck's Psychological Model of Depression
- Multi-store Model of Memory
- Rosenhan's Being Sane in Insane Places study
- Loftus and Palmer's research into Eye-witness Testimony
- Oxford Centre for Functional MRI is opened

I look forward to seeing you in September

Mrs Dyas