## Psychology: Summer work guide



## Message from the Psychology Department

We're looking forward to teaching you in September. To help you on your journey we've set out short chunks of work designed to get you ready for the step up to A Level. We will be collecting in this work after the summer holidays, so please ensure you complete it to a high standard.

## Course textbook:



The Complete Companions: AQA Psychology A Level: Year 1 and AS Student Book (Complete Companions Fifth Edition – it is important that you have this book before you start the course

Optional reading:

- The Lucifer Effect Phillip Zimbardo
- Obedience to Authority Stanley Milgram

Before you start	- Paper
you will need:	- Access to the websites linked
•	- An A4 Lever Arch folder and file dividers to start getting organised
Week 1:	Please sign-up to the following (there is also an app that can be downloaded):
	https://digest.bps.org.uk/. Every Thursday a new journal is published and ideally you should
	be reading 2-3 articles and writing down a summary of the article/s each week.
Week 2:	Obedience, Obey, Conform
	Research and produce a fact sheet on the following three key studies:
	1) Asch
	2) Milgram's (1963) Obedience to Authority
	3) Zimbardo's Stanford Prison Experiment
	Include: Why they did their study, what did they do and what results/conclusions they found
	<b>EXT</b> : Explain how research such as Milgram & Zimbardo, might explain historical atrocities
	such as the Nazi persecution of the Jews
Week 3:	Most people assume Psychology is an easy or 'soft' subject which cannot possibly be a science. But is it?
	It is your job to conclude as to whether or not Psychology IS a hard science. Research
	arguments for and against Psychology as a Science and produce a debate on this.
	Consider:
	1) The Subject Content
	2) Research Methods Used
Week 4:	Produce a fact file on each of the following mental disorders:
	1) Phobias
	2) OCD
	3) Depression
	Include: Diagnosis, symptoms, explanations and treatments
Week 5:	Watch the following:
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QP_h02G-C4c&list=PLdTPs17r2V25OzuYhJgMupbRfSvdM
	2BB&index=27&t=366s