

Preparing for Psychology at Ripley St. Thomas Church of England Academy

Welcome to A Level Psychology! You've chosen to start on the most popular A Level course at Ripley St. Thomas, which is full of exciting research, science and interesting phenomena. Psychology is rarely taught at GCSE Level – so we'd like you to prepare for what will most likely be a new subject by completing the following **Introductory Course provided by Tutor2u**.

- 1) Follow this link and enrol on the course for free:

<https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/transition-to-aqa-alevel-psychology-skills-booster>

The course has 8 videos to watch, as well as interactive resources that you can use on any device.

- 2) Print out the associated documents under the Files tab (including the 18-question activity worksheet and the course organiser)
- 3) Bring your work in a folder or ring-binder to your first lesson ready to start your Psychology studies!

Please be aware that this bridging work is part of your transition activities and assessments, which you will do in every subject to ensure you make the best possible start to your A Level studies. However, **it should only take 1-2 hours** over the summer – if you do not have access to a printer at home, please use the facilities at Ripley Sixth Form when you arrive (free of charge). If you'd like to immerse yourself in some Psychology and Science related reading and other media then check out some of these important works!

Books

Bad Science by Ben Goldacre

The Psychopath Test by Jon Ronson

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time by Mark Haddon

Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind by Yuval Noah Harari

Other Media

Three Identical Strangers – 2018 film by Tim Wardle

The Voices In My Head – 2014 TED Talk by Eleanor Longden

How Reliable Is Your Memory? – 2013 TED Talk by Elizabeth Loftus