

Longsands Sixth Form: Psychology A-level transition tasks Summer 2026

Welcome to Psychology at Longsands Sixth Form

The tasks on this worksheet have been designed to help you in your transition from your Year 11 study to the requirements that will be expected of you in Year 12. Psychology is most likely a new subject for you and the following tasks have been designed to help you to make a strong start.

Task 1: Watch the Crash Course Psychology preview

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vo4pMVb0R6M&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtOPRkzVLY0jY-uHOH9KVU6&index=2&t=16s>

Task 2: (write out your answers) What do the following terms mean?

- Psychology
- Obedience
- Conformity

Task 3: (write out your answers) What are the differences between laboratory, field, and natural experiments?

Task 4: Find two examples of psychological research that represent each of the different experimental types above (field, laboratory and natural).

Task 5: Research what is meant by working memory and write a mini guide to it. Be critical of which sources you use for your research and state them at the end of your mini guide, e.g. book title and author, web address of a website you have accessed as well as the date accessed.

Task 6: Check out the articles on the **BPS Research Digest**. Website:

<https://www.bps.org.uk/collections/research-digest>

The British Psychological Society (BPS) is the organisation in charge of the rules psychologists must follow when they are conducting their research. The BPS also keeps a record of all the professional psychologists working in the UK. The BPS produces a summary of some of the most interesting research each fortnight called the **BPS Research Digest**.

Find three articles from the BPS Research Digest that interest you and write a summary of each article. Remember to look up any words that you do not understand.

Make sure that you have your transition work ready to hand in for your first Psychology lesson in September.

If you have any problems with the Psychology transition work, please contact Mrs Sparrow (elizabeth.sparrow@astrea-longsands.org)

We look forward to seeing you in September!