

Psychology

6th form holiday task

You will be studying the new 2 year A Level Psychology course.

As part of the course you will look at the research methods that are used in psychological investigations to collect and analyse data.

The major methods are:

- Experiment - (independent measures design, repeated measures design and matched participants design)
- Observation - (naturalistic and controlled observations)
- Self report – (questionnaires and interviews)
- Correlation

Each of the major research methods has its strengths and weaknesses, and brings something different to our understanding of human behaviour.

Your task is to find out about each of the major research methods. You need to explain the way they are used to carry out an investigation and their strengths and weaknesses.

Summarise your findings into 2/3 pages of notes / diagrams that you can use while you study Psychology. You will need to hand your work in to your Psychology teacher during your first Psychology lesson.

Two good places to look for information are

www.holah.co.uk and www.simplypsychology.org

Finally, bring in two or three recent articles from the news about psychology