**SUMMER TASKS – GCSE TO A-LEVEL TRANSITION**

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| **Subject: A-Level** |
| **Title:** |
| **Task:**  A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY  SUMMER TASK **Task Title:** Research of a Key Figure in Psychology Task Overview: Over the summer you will explore the work of a key figure in psychology. This will include their research and/or theories and their general contributions to psychology or the real world.  This task is designed to introduce you to influential psychological ideas and help bridge the gap between GCSE and college-level study. What to Include: Students should research and write about the following\*:   1. Brief background of the psychologist; who they are, when and where they lived. Use the instructions on page 2 to choose your psychologist. 2. Provide an overview of their key theories, studies, and/or ideas 3. Explanation of how their work has influenced psychology or been applied in real-world contexts 4. Stretch and challenge: Research and include criticisms or limitations of their work. 5. **Bonus:** Feel free to include pictures or diagrams.   **\*It is essential that you handwrite your work on lined paper ready to use for an activity in arrivals week –** please do not create a poster or online document.  **Choosing a Psychologist:**  To ensure a range of figures are covered in our class, please choose the psychologist who corresponds with the month of your birthday.   * + January - Sigmund Freud – psychoanalysis   + February - B.F. Skinner – operant conditioning   + March - Albert Bandura – social learning theory   + April - Elizabeth Loftus – memory research   + May - Carl Rogers – humanistic psychology   + June - John Bowlby – attachment theory   + July – Mary Ainsworth - attachment theory   + August – Stanley Milgram – Social influence   + September - Solomon Asch – social influence   + October - Aaron Beck – cognitive therapy   + November – Ivan Pavlov – classical conditioning   + December – Abraham Maslow – hierarchy of needs  Where to find the information  * + Use credible sources (e.g., SimplyPsychology, VeryWellMind, BPS.org.uk)   + YouTube channels PsychBoost, Bear it in MIND.   + Using a range of sources will broaden your knowledge and deepen understanding.   **Deadline:**  Bring your completed work to your first Psychology lesson. It will be used as a springboard for your first week in college.  See you in September!  Francesca, Kayleigh, Andy and Pete |
| **How long should I spend on this? 1hr** |
| **How will I get feedback?** |
| **Contact email:** |