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

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| **Subject: A-Level**  |
| **Title:**  |
| **Task:**A-LEVEL PSYCHOLOGYSUMMER 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:**  |