Phase Two Bridging Work: Psychology

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Introduction to the course	GCSE Flashback	A level subject preparation tasks
The Psychology course you will follow at CNS IS A TWO YEAR course with NO requirement for course work. At the end of the two year period you will sit three 2 hour exams. Here is a link to the examining board, and details of the topics that we will be studying: https://filestore.aga.org.uk/resources/p	When you study Psychology it will be a brand new subject, but there are a few things from Biology and Mathematics that will really help you. From mathematics you should make sure that you are comfortable with and understand the following concepts:	Week 1 The first thing that you will need to do is log onto the textbook. This can be located by googling illuminate.digital and then selecting from the image AQA psychology for A level you will find the link https://illuminate.digital/aqapsych1/ to log on you will need the following
sychology/specifications/AQA-7181-718 2-SP-2015.PDF	Recognise and use expressions in decimal standard form.	information. The logon is all upper case
In year 1 of your course we will be examining how memory works, what we mean by social influence, and attachment. In addition we will explore	be able to estimate results Use an appropriate number of significant figures	SCHIPPINGNORTON and your password is student
the various approaches that Psychologists adopt. We will look at Psychopathology and discuss mental health issues. Throughout the course	calculate and arithmetic mean	Once you have logged -, just browse the whole thing so that you can see what awaits you next year. I do want you to closely read the section entitled How to use this book. I also want you to

we will look at the unique research methods that Psychologists use.

In year two we extend our knowledge of research methods, we explore biopsychology, issues and debates, and then we take a deeper look at three areas in psychology, from a list that includes Schizophrenia, Stress, Aggression, Addiction, Eating Behaviour, Relationships, Forensic Psychology. The class will, in discussion with your teacher, decide which to study in depth.

The exams, for which you will have had two years of practice. Are as follows:

Paper 1 Introductory Topics in Psychology:

Paper 2 Psychology in context

Paper 3 Issues and Options in Psychology

be able to interpret frequency tables, bar charts, histograms

understand the terms mean, mode and median and standard deviation.

please log onto my maths and make sure that you understand the above terms.

From your biology it is important that you understand how cells operate and how messages are transmitted around the body,if you know something about the central nervous system that would also be a good thing.

But don't worry if these ideas are a little rusty because we will teach you them all over again!

look through the book and see if you can find the following:

.A video called "no sweatpants on Monday" watch the video (page 16)

An article about armchair Psychology read the article.(page 8)

A video from the dead poets society - watch the video (p8)

Now all you need to think is why and how are these three things related to your study of Psychology.

Week 2

welcome to the second week of your bridging course. During this week I would like you to do a little more reading, a lot more thinking and an activity or two.

Reading activity -carry on reading the introductory chapter in the textbook -. the double page spread (page 8 to 9). Take it nice and gently re-read it if you find some of the concepts difficult.

Now make a brain!¬

Brain-Hat-Download-April-2018.pdf

This is a blueprint, and instructions for making a brain. Task, take a photograph of the completed brain/hat and send me a photograph Week 3 You should all have accounts with UNIFROG. This week I would like you to logon to unifrog and then find under Psychology a free course on memory. It is called understanding memory: explaining the psychology of memory through movies. You will need to register and this will entail providing an email address. https://www.coursera.org/learn/memory-and-movie Just watch the first lecture (5 videos and a short piece of reading.) to get a flavour of psychologists' understanding of memory. You can do the whole course if you have the time but only the first lecture is mandatory. write some short notes about what professor Seamon discusses.

Week 4 Please very carefully read the section in the textbook entitled Approaches. You will find this on page 10 and 11 In week 4 I would like you to start thinking about writing a short essay. (maximum length of 500 words). The title of the essay is: My discoveries in Psychology. In your essay you should write about the things that have interested you, or things that have annoyed you about the discoveries you have made into the fascinating world of Psychology. This and the three answers to the apply it questions (you'll see this in week 5) must be sent to me at cmcqibbon@chippingnortonschool.org On or before 12 July 2020 "week 5 There's a video that I would like you to watch about the human brain. As psychologists we are very interested in the brain. You've already made a model and now you can see one way that researchers investigate the brain, its functions and its pathology (when the brain is ill). The video is

about a young woman who has had a stroke. The video shows an fMRI scan. Can you think of another way that we might examine the brain? Inside the Brain | A Big Picture film for the Wellcome Trust In addition to looking at the video, please closely read pages 12 - 13 entitled "psychology in the real world". On page 13 you will find a section called "apply it" - the science of self talk. Carefully read this and then answer the three questions. You will need to send me the three answers, the photo of your brain/hat and the short 500 word essay all before July 12th. If you haven't yet had the chance there are loads of interesting videos and talks in the bridging work 1 which you should also check out. You can link to it here "https://chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/wp-content/upl oads/2020/05/Psychology-A-Level-Briding-Work-Ph ase-1.pdf I hope that you have enjoyed this bridging work as an introduction to Psychology and we all look forward to welcoming you back to School in September.

