

Sixth Form Induction 2023

Psychology



In this subject you will be expected to:

Participate in discussion, group work and make presentations to the class. You will be required to write analytical and evaluative essays using psychological concepts and perspectives. It is essential that you are willing to look at all aspects of an issue even those you do not agree with.

You will need to have an interest in:

1. Human behaviour from a psychological, biological and social perspective.
2. The way in which people live and think that are outside of your own experiences.
3. Statistics and scientific research and how this can inform theories and practices.

Independent learning in this subject requires:

- Wider reading
- Revising for weekly in class assessments
- Creating revision resources/mindmaps/power points
- Written essays
- Statistical analysis and maths skills

Induction Task & Success Criteria

First read this article so you know what Psychology IS NOT:

<https://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2012/jul/12/teaching-psychology-science>

Then do this task:

Outline and evaluate the behavioural approach in psychology. (16 marks)

To complete this task you will need:

- 1) To use the simply psychology website as a basis for your research
<http://www.simplypsychology.org/perspective.html>
- 2) Conduct wider research and draw evidence from at least five different sources in total (online textbooks as well as google and google scholar will be useful here). You should include a bibliography, which references your information sources.

In your answer you need to do the following:

- Describe the behavioural approach in psychology – including classical and operant conditioning.
- Evaluate the behavioural approach in psychology – what are the strengths and weaknesses of this approach and its theories?

Grade	Success Criteria
A*	Detailed and accurate description of the behavioural approach relating to a wide range of research evidence, as well as excellent evaluation.
A	Detailed and accurate description of the behavioural approach relating to research evidence, as well as very good evaluation.
B	Detailed and accurate description of the behavioural approach relating to research evidence, as well as good evaluation.
C	Less detailed description of the behavioural approach with some reference to research, little use of evaluation.

Your answer should be no more than 1.5 sides of A4

Due in: First Psychology lesson September 2023