

# St Mary Redcliffe and Temple 6<sup>th</sup> Form

## Year 11 into 12 transition task



### Subject: **Psychology**

SMRT 6<sup>th</sup> Form gives students the chance to study new subjects that they have not experienced at GCSE. We want to ensure that everybody who has chosen such a subject has a good understanding of it involves so that they don't find themselves having to swap within the first few weeks or stuck with something that turns out not to be what they expected.

You hopefully have some idea about what Psychology is about, but the daily routine of studying this subject might be a bit different, particularly when you have to read and understand things for yourself. We have therefore set you a simple task to complete, which you should bring with you to your first lesson. It shouldn't take you too long, but there are more resources suggested that you could look at if you want to get deeper in to the subject before you start.

### **Before the start of term you should:**

**Rationale:** The Psychology department would like you to get a basic overview of what Psychology as a discipline involves. Studying Psychology involves looking at the work of lots of different Psychologists. We would like you to get an idea of what this involves.

**Task 1:** Read the PDF 'Psychology introduction'. Create a colourful poster or mind-map to briefly explain what psychology is, with some examples of what psychologists do. Your challenge is to pick out key ideas that you think would be useful for students considering psychology to know. Extension: <https://ondemand.tutor2u.net/students/transition-to-aqa-a-level-psychology-skills-booster>

**Task 2:** Research an influential Psychologist (**either Harry Harlow OR John Bowlby**) and create a profile of their working lives. Harlow is the easier of the two, the links provided for Bowlby require a little more reading and selecting important information. You could present this task as a poster, a LinkedIn profile, a timeline – be as creative as you want! You must include:

- Who they are
- What areas of human behaviour did they research?
- A brief summary of one of their studies (try to do this in less than 200 words)
- Why are they so influential? How has their work helped our understanding of human behaviour?
- Any other interesting information

### **Useful websites to help with research:**

A brief summary of Harlow's work (ignore the stuff about Lorenz!)

<https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/animal-studies-of-attachment-lorenz-and-harlow>

A slightly more detailed summary of Harlow's work:

<https://www.psychologynoteshq.com/psychological-studies-harlows-monkey/>

Summary of Bowlby's work: <https://www.tutor2u.net/psychology/reference/bowlbys-theory-of-maternal-deprivation>

A more detailed summary of Bowlby's work: <https://www.simplypsychology.org/bowlby.html>

### **Useful websites for finding out more about Psychology:**

Try the extension activity for task 1 above – you don't have to do it all!

The British Psychological Society (BPS): <http://www.bps.org.uk/what-we-do/bps/bps>

BPS Research Digest: <https://digest.bps.org.uk/>

Simply Psychology: <https://www.simplypsychology.org/a-level-psychology.html>