

## Big Think for Psychology



Psychology students have a broad understanding of all the key topics from the GCSE course after year 10.

Studying the new Specification, there is a requirement students have a deeper understanding of psychological themes and research methods. The summer work will aid this deepening understanding. Below are some accessible and interesting activities to stimulate their understanding.

- Engage in the British Psychology Society (BPS) website. There are tips on key topics and key terms. Moreover aim to read at least two articles on topical Psychology debate. You can follow the BPS on twitter @BPSofficial.
- There is a current debate raging between senior and world famous Psychologist regarding Zimbardo's Stanford Prison Experiment. You can follow the debate here from defenders of Zimbardo's techniques and people who feel the research should be ignored. <https://digest.bps.org.uk/2018/07/03/newly-analysed-recording-challenges-zimbardos-account-of-his-infamous-prison-experiment/>
- Read how some of the most famous Psychology experiments would not be possible today by reading the article - <https://www.vox.com/2014/10/24/7052719/psychology-ethics-social-milgram-zimbardo-albert-watson-IRB> . Make notes evaluating the individual studies balancing the value of the results vs. the dangers and harm needed to produce these results.
- Reading a book over the summer would also be another activity our economics students would benefit from. Some good books to choose from are listed below. These can be borrowed from libraries or the school.
  - The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat- Oliver Sacks
  - The Psychology Book – DK
  - Opening Skinner's Box: Great Psychological Experiments of the Twentieth Century - Lauren Slater

- Obedience to Authority: An Experimental View- Stanley Milgram
  - Genie: A Scientific Tragedy - Russ Rymer
  - Classic Case Studies in Psychology - Geoff Rolls
- Finally there are some excellent podcasts that students can access on the BBC iPlayer.
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b09v35t8> The psychology of crowds. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00fbd26> Neuroscience- looking and the relationship between the mind and body. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00545cg> - Psychoanalysis. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00545cr> - Language and the mind.