

Psychology Summer Work

1. You are to find out what Psychology is all about and the types of things that psychologists study. You are then to research each of the five areas you will be covering in Year 12 (Psychodynamic, Biological, Learning, Social and Cognitive). You should find out how each area in psychology explains human behaviour and include a description of how each area explains one behaviour in particular (some examples include aggression, choice of sport, mental health). You are to present your research as a poster, detailing all of the above.
2. You are to research one study in detail (i.e., a study done by a psychologist, e.g., an experiment, observation, case study, for example). You can either choose one of the studies listed below OR you can research studies that have been done and pick one that you find particularly interesting. You are to produce a summary (aim, method, results, conclusion) of the study on one side of A4.

Studies

- Raine *et al* (1997) Brain abnormalities in murderers indicated by positron emission tomography
- Bandura, Ross & Ross (1961) Transmission of aggression through imitation of aggressive models.
- Milgram (1963) Study of obedience

NB – for all of the above, only include things in your work that you understand, write your findings in your own words and do not copy and paste. Follow leads you find interesting and include them in your work.