

**Dear potential psychologists,**

Thank you for expressing an interest in the Psychology A-level. Ours is a fascinating subject area, full of insights into what drives human behaviour. However, it is not easy and it will not teach you how to read minds! If these are two of your motivations for choosing the subject we urge you to reconsider.

In order to help make an informed decision about whether Psychology is right for you, we would like students to complete the following activity. This is not 'extra' work but represents the first part of the Social Science module, which you will be assessed on both at AS and again at A2.

Please read the following information and complete the online task at the link below.

The reading and following task should take approximately an hour and half of your time and we would like this to be completed in time for your first Psychology lesson in September. Please note that all Psychology students will be required to complete this task in order to continue with the course.

**The reading:** <https://www.simplypsychology.org/a-level-social.html>

Please read from the top down to the heading Conformity to Social Roles, including watching the video. Feel free to read further than this if you wish, as this page covers the whole of the Social Science module. This is intended as an introduction and revision page so we will be examining the theories and studies in more detail than this.

Now complete the following activity. We recommend you do this on a computer rather than your phone as there is a lot of typing!

**The task:** <https://goo.gl/forms/qsxnYaBMEXmYdEiG3>

Thank you again for completing this activity and in doing so, starting your journey through the AQA A-level Psychology curriculum. Feel free to navigate around the Simply Psychology website and research areas of personal interest. This is a fantastic resource that will use regularly throughout the year. We also highly recommend checking out some of the TED talks that relate to psychology including: Elizabeth Loftus, *How reliable is your memory?* Eleanor Longden, *The voices in my head* and Vilayanur Ramachandran, *3 clues to understanding your brain*.

I hope you find these talks as engaging as stimulating as we do. If so, we look forward to welcoming you onto the course this September!

Kindest regards,

**Mr Corke and Ms Greany**