

TALLIS 16+

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TRANSITION READING LIST

SUBJECT: A-Level Psychology

Background Knowledge

1. **Familiarise yourself with basic psychological concepts, theories, and terminology.** A good way of doing this is by obtaining and read the course textbook which is **AQA Psychology A Level Year 1 & AS by Mike Cardwell et al.** Tailored specifically to the AQA specification, this textbook is essential for understanding the structure and content of the A level course.

2. **Explore Classic Experiments on YouTube:** Psychology is a science; scientists learn by conducting experiments. Develop an understanding of the methodology and ethical considerations behind landmark studies in psychology. Three such experiments on our syllabus are Pavlov's work on dogs, Milgram's obedience experiment, and Zimbardo's Stanford prison experiment. Research these on YouTube and make brief notes on each.

Online Resources

TED Talks are a good place to start. Search for TED talks from Philip Zimbardo, David Eagleman, Lisa Feldmann Barrett or Carol Dweck.

simplypsychology.org a website with summaries of key psychological theories, studies, and concepts, perfect for A level revision.

bps.org.uk The British Psychological Society is the professional body for UK psychologists. Their site offers various resources, including news, research updates, and educational materials in psychology.