

# SOUTHEND HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

## ACADEMY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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### Welcome to A Level Psychology

#### Summer Preparation Task – Starting with Psychology (Open University Course)

Dear Student,

We hope you're enjoying a well-deserved break after your exams and are looking forward to joining us in September to begin your A Level studies in Psychology.

Psychology will likely be a completely new subject for you. To help give you a clear introduction, all A Level Psychology students are expected to complete a short online course over the summer.

#### Course Details

- **Course Title:** *Starting with Psychology*
- **Platform:** Open University – OpenLearn
- **Estimated Time:** Approx. **5 hours**
- **Cost:** Free
- **Certificate:** Downloadable certificate of participation upon completion

#### Direct Link:

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/health-sports-psychology/psychology/starting-psychology/content-section-0>



## **Purpose of the Course**

This course will introduce you to:

- The types of topics psychologists study.
- Some of the research methods they use.
- Key concepts that you'll explore in more depth during your A Level course.

Completing this course will help you start your A Level studies with greater confidence and understanding.

## **How to Access and Complete the Course**

1. Go to: <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>
2. In the **search bar**, type: Starting with Psychology
3. Click **View Course**
4. Click **Enter Course**
5. Click the green **Create account / Sign in** button
6. Create an account and log in
7. Repeat steps 2–4
8. Click **Enrol now** and begin the course

## **What You Need to Submit in September**

- A **printed or electronic copy of your certificate of participation** (this is available to download at the end of the course). You must provide evidence of this certificate in the first lesson with Dr Frost. Upon doing so, you will receive a House Credit. Five House Credits may be exchanged for £1.50, redeemable at the Snack Shack located in the Sixth Form block.

We look forward to welcoming you in September and starting your journey into Psychology!

Kind regards,

**Dr Frost**

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Head of Psychology

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