

Psychology Induction: Summer Home Learning

When you return in September we will be making a start on the Approaches unit. This will give you a detailed understanding of the main viewpoints within the subject of Psychology and throughout the A Level course we will refer to these on a frequent basis.

Before we start our A Level work on the approaches you need to have a basic understanding of them. Using this web address:

<http://www.simplypsychology.org/perspective.html> you need to do the following:

- 1) Research the basic principles to each of the following approaches including definitions for key terms noted next to each:
 - Behaviourism – operant and classical conditioning
 - Psychodynamic – ID, Ego, Superego, Psychosexual stages, unconscious
 - Cognitive – schemas, thought processes, computer models
 - Humanism – self actualisation, person centred approach, free will
 - Evolutionary – adaptive behaviours, natural selection
 - Biological – genetics, neuroanatomy, biochemistry
 - Social Learning Theory – imitation, role models, vicarious reinforcement

- 2) You should also ensure that you research two strengths and two weaknesses for each theory.

It may be that you need to use alternative sources to the one above, however this should be used as a basis to your research.