



# Welcome to Psychology



## Your course

You will be studying A-Level Psychology with the Edexcel exam board. Details of the specification and course assessment can be found here:

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/psychology-2015.html>

We encourage you to become familiar with the course specification as soon as you start your course in September.

## Summer bridging work

Read through carefully to make sure you understand what you are required to hand in. **You will need to hand in this work during your first lesson in September.**

### TASK 1: Writing up practical research

**TITLE: Are students born in or before February more affected by the Stroop Effect than students born after February?**

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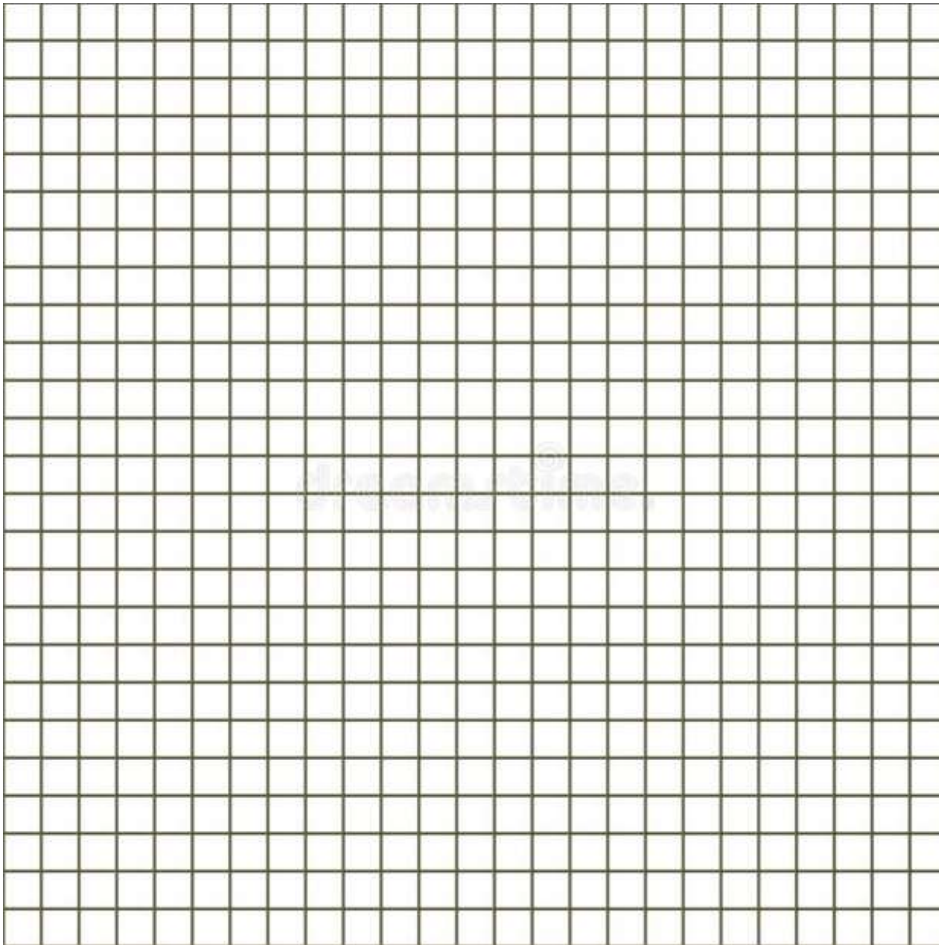
**EXPERIMENTAL HYPOTHESIS: What do you predict would happen? What was your theory?**

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**NULL HYPOTHESIS: There will be no difference between the month of birth in the time taken in seconds to complete the Stroop Test.**



**GRAPH: Plot a graph to compare month of birth and Mean Time**



On a separate piece of paper make your conclusions and discussion of your results.

Ensure you include some ideas about the limitations and improvements that could be made to the experiment.

**TASK 2: Research Psychological Guidelines**

The British Psychological Society is key for producing current documentation in the Code of Ethics for delivering research in Psychology. Please visit the following webpage and read the document for the 2018 Code of Ethics :

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-code-ethics-and-conduct>

**Your task is to read the 2018 Code of Ethics and Conduct. You will need to summarise and write a short 100 words on each of the four components of the Code of Ethics:**

- Respect**
- Competence**
- Responsibility**
- Integrity**

### **TASK 3: Essay writing**

Write a two sided (A4) essay on the Nature-Nurture debate for explaining human behaviour.

**Your essay could be on any behaviour of your choosing but here are some suggestions.**

Aggression

Schizophrenia

Anorexia

Personality

**You will need to research and present both sides of the debate and end in a conclusion weighing up the evidence that you have found.**

#### **Ideas for essay structure:**

Describe what we mean by Nature.

Describe what we mean by Nurture.

Describe how Nature is thought to affect the behaviour.

Describe how Nurture is thought to affect the behaviour.

Use Research on both sides of the argument to support your descriptions.

Conclude – which is the most convincing argument? Why Nature? Why Nurture? Or is it a mixture of both?