

Psychology A Level at Shaftesbury

Reading List - The reading list below will give you ideas for accessible (and interesting!) books, even if you haven't studied Psychology before.

Reading from here is optional, but should be seriously considered if you are thinking about pursuing the subject into Higher Education or want to broaden your understanding.

If you have read other books that you think would be suitable for the list, let Mrs Say know.

Research Task – This is for everybody to complete before the start of term in September. Choose one of the following careers in Psychology.

Research the sort of work that these psychologists do.

Write a 200 word summary of the most important and interesting aspects of this career.

Submit your work during your first Psychology lesson.

This must be written in your own words, or the assignment will be considered as failed and another set for you to complete.

Careers to choose from:

Clinical Psychologist

Educational Psychologist

Sports Psychologist

Forensic Psychologist

Occupational Psychologist

Academic / Research Psychologist

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Recommended Reading for Interest and UCAS Applications

General Interest		
Classic Case Studies in Psychology	Dr Geoff Rolls	Hodder Education
Key Studies in Psychology	Richard Gross	Hodder & Stoughton
Psychopathology		
Phantoms in the Brain	V S Ramachandran	Harper Perennial
The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat	Oliver Sacks	Picador
The Myth of Mental Illness	Thomas Szasz	Harper Perennial
Developmental Psychology		
Children's Minds	Margaret Donaldson	
Social Psychology		
The Social Animal	Elliot Aronson	Freeman
Anomalistic Psychology		
Why People Believe Weird Things	Michael Shermer	Souvenir Press

(Pseudoscience, Superstitions and other confusions of our time)		
Criminal Psychology		
Men of Blood – Murder in Modern England	Elliott Leyton	Constable
Doubly Deviant, Doubly Damned – Societies Treatment of Violent Women	Ann Lloyd	Penguin
Evolutionary Psychology		
The Moral Animal	Robert Wright	Abacus