

PGCE Psychology – University of Roehampton

Congratulations on securing a place at the University of Roehampton for September 2026. Psychology is not only a fascinating subject to learn about and to teach, but one which is growing every year to become one of the most popular choices at A-Level. I am so pleased that you have decided you want to join the group of professionals delivering this subject to over 75,000 students in the UK. Psychology enables young people to gain a greater understanding of their thought processes, emotions and behaviours and those of the social world around them to become better global citizens.

Prior the course start in September, I would ask that you complete each of the following tasks below to prepare for what is going to be an exciting and challenging year. These tasks are aimed at giving you some understanding of the place of Psychology within a school curriculum, some foundational concepts in psychology and social sciences education as well as auditing and allowing you an opportunity to develop/secure your subject knowledge.

Task 1: Introductory Reading

- a) Read Chapter 1 of “Teaching Psychology 14-19” by Matt Jarvis (attached to download)
- b) Complete a 1-page reflection framed around the 5 key questions he poses at the end of the chapter

Task 2: Subject Knowledge Audit

- a) Review the specification for A-Level Psychology (AQA) specification with particular focus on Psychology in Context (Paper 2) – Approaches and Research Methods
- b) Rate yourself on each bullet point as RED (very little to no knowledge) / AMBER (some knowledge) / GREEN (deep knowledge)

Task 3: Subject Knowledge Assignment

- a) Complete the Seneca Learning Assignment by signing up to Seneca Learning, joining the ‘class’ : <https://app.senecalearning.com/join-class-student-sign-up?classId=bynyhra5uf>
- b) and completing the assignment which can be accessed here: <https://app.senecalearning.com/dashboard/class/bynyhra5uf/assignments/assignment/0589a590-c83c-4558-a657-3fc48e7893dd>
- c) Make a note of any topics which you think students would find most challenging to understand
Please note your scores on this are not used for any assessment purposes and this task is solely aimed at securing your subject knowledge prior to September.

I look forward to meeting each of you in September 2026. If you require any further information or support, please do reach out to me via email.

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