

To submit please email your expression of interest to n.ireland@bps.org.uk by 4th November

PLEASE NOTE submission of an abstract does not reserve you a place at this event. Please book your place PRIOR to submitting your abstract.

Benefits of Submitting

By completing the research and presenting at the conference students will:

- Have engaged with issues often asked about in exams:- they are thus better prepared for their exams.
- Have an opportunity to look in depth at something which interests them.
- Increase their understanding of the area they choose to research.
- Be better motivated.
- Have experiences for their UCAS application and subsequent interviews.
- Benefit from sharing with their peers.
- Develop communication skills.
- Develop teamwork skills.
- Develop numeracy and literacy skills.
- Develop time management skills.

As a teacher you will benefit by:

- Having a forum to showcase your students work. If your students are already completing practical work as part of their course then the conference will provide an additional incentive and a sense of reality to their work.
- Having students who are more highly motivated and better prepared for their exams.
- Having an opportunity to meet other A Level Psychology teachers.
- Having a forum to provide evidence towards school policies such as Gifted and Talented, STEM, Literacy and Numeracy, Using ICT, etc.
- Having evidence for ETI inspections for indicators such as careers related learning, active learning, STEM, student focused learning, etc.
- Having a high profile event to promote your department at choices evening, in the press, etc.

- Having a high profile event which could be used as the focus for a Psychology Club, or after school club.
- Having evidence for PRSD targets if these include any of the above, subject promotion, etc.

If you are new to teaching A Level Psychology or would just like some ideas then you will find the internet a useful source of ideas. The ones listed below are a good starting point.

<http://www.crystal-clear-science-fair-projects.com/psychology-science-fair-projects.html>

<http://psychology.about.com/od/researchmethods/a/psychology-fair-project-ideas.htm>

<http://www.juliantrubin.com/psychologyprojects.html>

<http://www.sciencebuddies.org/science-fair-projects/Intro-Human-Behavior.shtml>

Presentation guidelines

The guidelines are being kept to a minimum, but to ensure consistency the following must be adhered to:

- **The number of teams a school can submit is unlimited.**

- Each team must consist of 2 - 4 students either all AS or All A2 in each group
- Each of the students must be studying AS or A2 Psychology

The time allocated to each presentation at the conference will be 15 minutes. This will be strictly adhered to, reflecting practice at professional conferences.

At the end of each presentation there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions.

Handouts are permissible at the presentation.

The presentation can consist of PowerPoint slides, simple demos, etc. There will however be very little time to set up demonstrations, so please keep this in mind when preparing your presentation.

There are no restrictions on the topic chosen for the research but one suggestion would be to select something from the AS or A2 specification.

Abstract guidelines

The abstract must contain a maximum of 250 words and contain the following:

- Aim(s) of the research
- Details of participants and how they were selected
- Brief details of the procedures, test used, etc.
- Brief details of the main findings and conclusions.
- Relevant evaluation points.

Marking guide for presentations on the day of the conference

The presentations will be evaluated both for the quality of the research reported and the quality of how it is presented.

We do hope you will be in a position to have some of your students present and look forward to welcoming you to our inaugural A Level Conference. For this first event we are inviting you to submit one team as we are running a single session day, please also hold a reserve team in case we are undersubscribed as per the guidance section above. You will be notified during the first week in November as to whether we need a second team from your school.

Additional requirements for all submissions:

Submissions must also include explicit confirmation that the convenor and authors/co-authors understand and adhere to the Society's Code of Ethics and Conduct.

Submissions must also include formal confirmation of the ethics approval/exception granted to the research presented.