Welcome!

Hello everyone! We are delighted to welcome you to the School of Psychology & Neuroscience for 2021/2022. Whether you are returning to St Andrews or studying online, this booklet will provide you with information on the School-specific orientation events that are available this year. Orientation Week runs from Monday 6th-Friday 10th September. If you haven't done so already, please go to the following page to familiarise yourself with university-wide orientation information. The main orientation page also gives you access to an app containing a wealth of information about orientation and the University in general.

The School of Psychology and Neuroscience are offering a range of online and in person orientation events this year. All in person events will be run within the COVID-19 restrictions that are in place at the time. We will start the week with social/informal events to welcome you to the School and allow you to 'meet' each other. The second part of the week will focus on more formal events that will introduce you to subject/year welcome talks.

This booklet provides details of each event/talk run by the School of Psychology & Neuroscience. Each event listed in the timetable below is described in order with full descriptions and links to join online events in the following pages. Please have a browse and see which ones are appropriate for you and/or would like to attend!
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Orienteration events

- Thurs 9th, 11–12pm: Hons Neuroscience Welcome Talk ONLINE
- Thurs 9th, 12–1pm: First Year Psychology Introduction Talk ONLINE
- Thurs 9th, 4–5pm: Wellbeing Welcome ONLINE
- Fri 10th, 10–11am: Second Year Psychology Introduction Talk ONLINE
- Fri 10th, 1–1.30pm: Third Year Psychology Orientation ONLINE
- Fri 10th, 1.30–2.30pm: PS4040 Welcome Talk ONLINE
- Fri 10th, 1.30–2pm: Fourth Year Psychology Orientation ONLINE
Orientation events

Fri 10th  
2–3pm  
PS4050 & PS4299 Welcome Talk  
ONLINE

Fri 10th  
2–3pm  
PN4299 Welcome Talk  
ONLINE

Fri 10th  
2.30–3pm  
PS3021 Welcome Talk  
ONLINE

Fri 10th  
3–4pm  
SPSS Orientation Session  
ONLINE

Fri 10th  
4–5pm  
PGT Welcome Talk  
ONLINE

*Please see staff email signatures for preferred pronouns.
MEET THE SCHOOL PRESIDENT

FOR? EVERYONE
WHEN? MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER; 4-5PM
WHERE? ONLINE - CLICK HERE TO JOIN
WHO? BRYNN WALSH

Want to hear more about what goes on behind the scenes?! You can meet the School President and learn more about her and what her plans are for the School. If you’re looking to get more involved in the School as well, this is the perfect event for you!

Brynn will also talk about how you can meet your academic kids or parents! With a few icebreakers and games, you’ll get to know each other and find some potential family members!

There will also be time for your questions at the end!
Stefan, Manon & Maggie will be accompanying Roxy the dog for her walk along East Sands. Please come along! We will walk with Roxy (and maybe some other pooches) on East Sands and talk informally in small, socially distanced groups.

All students, staff and their dogs are invited, but bringing a dog is not required. Human and canine participants are encouraged to wear something red (hat, scarf, bandana, collar, etc). If you see a person or dog wearing something red at East Sands at this time, introduce yourself and say hi. Participating dogs will be friendly. Direct contact with dogs is encouraged, but not required.

We will meet at the sailing club building at 10am. Please bring your doggo if you have one!

WOOF!
Bring your own food and get to know your classmates and your programme coordinator, Manon Schweinfurth, over a picnic in our lovely quad.

No clue what food to bring? Here are my hot tips:
Dr Noodles, Market Street, noodle bar with fantastic veggie and vegan options. CombiniCo, South Street, Korean food with local fish but also great veggie and vegan options. Zest, South Street, homemade sandwiches, bagels and good coffee.
Not convinced? St Andrews is also home to Pret, Costa, Tesco, Sainsbury and Co!

Don’t worry if you can’t make it, we will have an online coffee session on Wednesday at 10.30am in our Teams channel.
At the University of St Andrews Baby and Child (ABC) Lab we are trying to understand how children think and learn. We are a team of developmental psychologists made up of St Andrews university staff and students, conducting research into the developing minds of children. Who do children prefer to learn from? At what age can they start to remember past experiences? What can they understand about the world around them? These are all questions we try to answer. Using fun, game-like puzzle tasks, we investigate these developmental milestones in children all the way from infancy up until young adulthood.

Come along and have a tour of our purpose-built lab, and meet some of our researchers. Email Geraldine, the lab manager, to book a tour gb80@st-andrews.ac.uk.
Interested in shaping the culture of the School? Want to join the conversations we are having about important issues like race and ethnicity, disability, gender, class, religion, and sexual orientation? Or maybe you’re unsure about why we are even talking about these topics in the classroom. That’s okay too!

Join us for a chat about Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) in the School. We are excited to tell you about how we are striving to make the department a supportive and inclusive place for everyone.

We value your thoughts— so please bring your ideas and questions, or email them here.

All are welcome!
VIRTUAL TOUR OF ST MARY'S QUAD

FOR? EVERYONE
WHEN? WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER; 12-1PM
WHERE? ONLINE - CLICK HERE TO JOIN
WHO? DR ANNA SMITH

Not on campus yet? No problem! Join Dr Anna Smith for a virtual tour of St Mary's Quad, the home of Psychology and Neuroscience at St Andrews.
Due to the pandemic we will sadly once again miss out on the grand welcome event in the psychology foyer, with fabulous wine and canapes, events, and spectacles that were the envy of the modern and ancient world. But we would still like to invite you to join us online. We will have a few words of welcome from the Head of School, Director of Teaching, and other VIPs. After that, you can join in as we organise breakout sessions to encourage some structured mingling (nothing like organised fun). Look forward to meeting you all!
We would love our wonderful first and second year students to come along and meet some of the Neuroscience staff and hear a little of what is in store for this coming year. We will also have a chat from the Careers staff and from our Neuroscience Society. So, if you are tired of looking for an extracurricular, at last your photoreceptors can rest... because St Andrews Neuroscience Society can’t wait to welcome you!

NeuroSoc President, Sarah, will be sharing an overview of the planned events for the year, offering membership sign-up and providing details about applying for a committee position!
Now that you are entering the honours years of your degree, we invite our fantastic third and fourth year students to come along and meet some of the Neuroscience staff, and hear a little of what is in store for this coming year. We will also have a chat from the Careers staff and from our Neuroscience Society. So, if you are tired of looking for an extracurricular, at last your photoreceptors can rest... because St Andrews Neuroscience Society can’t wait to welcome you!

NeuroSoc President, Sarah, will be sharing an overview of the planned events for the year, offering membership sign-up and providing details about applying for a committee position!
Welcome to First Year Psychology!!

In this introductory talk you will learn a bit about first year teaching (PS1001 & PS1002) and meet some of the students and staff who will help you settle into psychology at St. Andrews.
Join our Wellbeing Officer, Maggie, for a chat about what we provide in the School in terms of wellbeing services/resources. Maggie will start with a short presentation of what we do in the School and what is offered by the University. The second part of the session will be a Q&A where you can ask Maggie any questions you have about the Wellbeing Officer role.

Voluntary Opportunity
This year we are looking to recruit a student wellbeing team with the aim of organising events and producing a weekly newsletter. If you are interested in being part of this team, please email Maggie here.
This introductory lecture will give an overview of the organisation of the PS2001 module and will host a talk from the careers centre tailored to the information needs of second year students. There will also be a chance to ask questions!
You will have been able to watch some introductory pre-recorded videos **IN THIS PANOPTO FOLDER** (made available on **Thursday 9th**) guiding you through the key sources where you can find the information you need about 3rd year psychology in general and the specific modules offered in the course.

This live online session will be devoted to welcoming you, offering a summary of the information in the videos, and giving you the opportunity to pose questions and get some answers!
You will have been able to watch some introductory pre-recorded videos IN THIS PANOPTO FOLDER (made available on Thursday 9th) guiding you through the key sources where you can find the information you need about 4th year psychology in general and the specific modules offered in the course.

This live online session will be devoted to welcoming you, offering a summary of the information in the videos, and giving you the opportunity to pose questions and get some answers!
FOR? ALL STUDENTS TAKING PS4040
WHEN? FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER; 1.30-2.30PM
WHERE? ONLINE - CLICK HERE TO JOIN
WHO? DR AMANDA SEED

What is a review essay? How is it different to any other essay? What is critical evaluation? What is ‘original thought’ and how will I know when I have one? Answers to these questions and more in this introduction to the PS4040 review essay module and you will have a chance to get started on the ‘dissect a review’ exercise as a group. Please bring along a review paper of your choice.
Maggie and Ken will guide you through both versions of psychology projects that are available in the School. We will discuss the supervision process and the differences and similarities between the projects in terms of assessment.

There will also be time for questions at the end of the session!
PN4299 WELCOME TALK

FOR? ALL STUDENTS TAKING PN4299
WHEN? FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER; 2-3PM
WHERE? ONLINE - CLICK HERE TO JOIN
WHO? DR GAYLE DOHERTY

Essential introduction to PN4299. We will discuss all aspects of the project from assessments to supervision and the experiments too! Please come armed with any questions and I will do my very best to answer them!
This module aims to teach you about scientific methodology. While there will be substantial content on running statistical tests, this is only one part of methodology. Equally important is to know the underlying principles. What can and can’t we conclude from the analysis of our data?

In this introductory lecture we will introduce ourselves as well as cover the overall structure of the module, including how the practical sessions will run and how the person-to-person teaching will be organised. As we go through these introductory issues, we will provide hints and tips about how you could approach your learning not only in this module but also more general approaches that may help you adjust to Honours teaching.
SPSS ORIENTATION SESSION

FOR? 3RD, 4TH & 5TH YEAR STUDENTS
WHEN? FRIDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER; 3-4PM
WHERE? ONLINE - CLICK HERE TO JOIN
WHO? DR KEN MAVOR

Come along to this session on the ins and outs of installing and using SPSS. Ken will share with you how to access SPSS and discuss some of its functionalities.

There will be time for questions at the end of the session!
To all MSc and MRes postgraduate students:
Welcome to St. Andrews!

This will be a brief introduction to the School by Eric Bowman, the current Director of Taught Postgraduates, followed by introductions, so please attend and meet your fellow classmates!

Also, Dr. Bowman will answer any questions you have about the School, the University or St. Andrews.
HAVE A GREAT YEAR!