



STANGROUND ACADEMY

## PSYCHOLOGY - INTENT

AQA A Level psychology encourages students to develop their knowledge and understanding of research methods, memory, attachment, social influence, approaches, issue and debates, forensic psychology, cognition and development and stress. This understanding is also at a synoptic level due to the over-lap between topic areas.

The course aims to develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods through the teaching of the research methods topic and the practical application of those methods within that, and additional topics. These skills include mathematical and problem-solving skills. It is through this topic, and using it synoptically within other topic areas, that students develop an understanding of scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

As a subject area we want to develop students' interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject through discussions of psychology in everyday life, using real to them examples when delivering content. Also, through the use and promotion of TED Talks to stretch their understanding of the subject as a whole. Knowledge retrieval practice is build into schemes of work in order for students to consistently build on previous learning. Assessments take the form of low-stakes testing (sometimes making use of peer and self- assessment) and also longer-term recall is examined through formalised internal examinations.

The course is planned to promote independence in every learner, enabling them to reach their full potential, whilst preparing them for their future, be it higher education, an apprenticeship or the workplace.