

Sociology

A Level

Exam Board: AQA

Subject Specific Criteria:

Grade 5 in Geography, History or RE or Sociology

Grade 5 in GCSE English

Units Studied:

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Families and Beliefs in Society

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods

Course Information:

Sociology is the study of society. Using a range of theoretical perspectives and with a focus on contemporary issues, sociology helps us to make sense of the society in which we live.

You will develop a number of skills including; supporting arguments with relevant evidence, how to investigate topics using a range of research methods, and evaluation and critical thinking.

Assessment is in the form of three written exams at the end of Year 13, each lasting 2 hours. We also continuously assess students across the two years including; class tests, essays, research projects and presentations.

Skills Required:

- Essay writing
- Analysis and Evaluation
- Research and presentation skills

Futures:

Sociology is a well-respected discipline with a long history. It is a rigorous academic subject that can equip you with an excellent set of skills for entry to many university degrees including those related to social sciences, anthropology, and criminology. Sociology also opens doors to a range of careers such as social work, law, journalism, the caring professions, policing, the civil service, advertising, market research, teaching, management, and business.

Subject Enrichment:

Students are encouraged to conduct their own research projects and have the opportunity to attend visits including a Criminology Conference and exam skills workshops to support their studies.



"Sociology covers an exciting range of topics ... Crime and deviance is the most intriguing topic as it has really highlighted my interest in the criminal justice system and given me a career interest in the police force" – Rosie, Year 13

"Sociology has helped me to understand how society functions and has allowed me to look beyond my life at school and think about global events happening around me." – Uthmaan, Year 13