

Sociology

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Exam Board: AQA



Beckfoot
Sixth Form

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.

Subject specific criteria:

- Grade 5 in Geography, History, RE or Sociology
- Grade 5 in GCSE English
- Grade 4 in GCSE Maths

Skills required:

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

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

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.

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.