

A level

# Sociology

Sociology is a stimulating, contemporary and challenging subject which explores how British society is organised. It will help develop analytical and critical ways of thinking and involves studying the influence of social forces such as social class, ethnicity, racism, religion, gender, age and globalisation on both social institutions such as the education system, the family and the criminal justice system and individual actions. It will examine how sociologists use scientific methods and data to support or challenge sociological argument.

## Entry requirements

- Grade 6 in GCSE English Language

## Course breakdown

In Year 12 you will study a range of topics including:

- Education
- Families and Households
- Research Methods

In Year 13 you will build on your first year of study exploring more advanced topics including:

- Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance
- Sociological Theory

## How will the course be assessed?

Although you will not be entered for a formal examination at the end of Year 12, you can expect to undertake a number of interim assessments so that you can keep track of your progress and your teacher can identify your strengths and those areas in which you might require further support and guidance. In addition to these ongoing assessments you will also have formal internal examinations where your performance will be used to consider suitability for progression into Year 13 and predicted grades for UCAS or other applications.

At the end of Year 13 you will be entered for the A level in Sociology. This will assess the content and skills covered in both years of study.

- Paper 1 – Education with Theory and Methods – 2 hours – 33.3% of A level
- Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology – 2 hours – 33.3% of A level
- Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods – 2 hours – 33.3% of A level

## Where can the course lead?

Sociology provides an excellent set of skills for entry to most university degree courses including in the social sciences, anthropology and criminology. Many students follow careers in law, journalism, the caring professions, policing, the civil service, advertising, market research, teaching, management and business. Sociology is a valuable subject for all types of work which involve an understanding of people and social relationships or the use of problem solving and analytical skills.

