

# A Level Sociology

## Why study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of the society in which we live. Studying this subject will help you to develop a wide range of perspectives on the way we live our lives and will enable you to adopt a critical approach to understanding important issues that affect us.

Sociology will help you to develop a good understanding of how society has been formed and the impact of this on structures such as the education system and families.

By learning Sociology, you can gain a better understanding of the complexities within society, how social systems, organisations, and institutions work, and you will become more aware of our own beliefs and biases.

## Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in English at GCSE

## Exam Board

AQA

## Course Content

In Year 12, you will study topics on Families and Households, Research Methods and Education, with an end of topic exam after each section.

In Year 13, you will study Crime and Deviance, Theory and Methods and either Beliefs in Society or The Media.

## How will you be assessed?

There are three written exams at the end of the course as follows:

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods – 2 hours (80 marks)

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology: Families and Beliefs/Media in Society – 2 hours (80 marks)

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods – 2 hours (80 marks)

Each exam accounts for one third of your final A level grade. Extended writing is expected on each paper and good literacy skills are important.

## How is Sociology useful for your future?

Studying sociology provides you with a range of skills that employers look for, including communication, interpersonal, problem-solving and analytical skills.

A level Sociology can be very useful for a variety of career paths. For example, the Police; Local and central government; Charitable, counselling and voluntary organisations; Public relations, journalism and communications; Media and marketing; Law firms and the criminal justice system; Teaching and education; Advertising and management.

