



Sociology

What will I study?

- Sociology examines how people behave individually and collectively based on the culture and identity into which they are born as well as their own lived experiences.
- We study the AQA A Level specification (7192) in which all topics across the two year course connect synoptically.
- In Year 12 you will study Families and Households, Education and Sociological Research Methods.
- In Year 13 you will study The Media, Crime and Deviance and Sociological Theory combined with Sociological Research Methods.

Assessment

A Level:

- **Paper 1 (2 hours) 33.3%:** Education with Theory and Methods
- **Paper 2 (2 hours) 33.3%:** Families and Households and The Media
- **Paper 3 (2 hours) 33.3%:** Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

The following skill areas will be assessed across all three papers with questions ranging from 4 to 30 marks:

- **AO1:** Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts and evidence.
- **AO2:** Apply sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to a range of issues.
- **AO3:** Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence and research methods in order to present arguments, make judgements & draw conclusions.

Career Opportunities

Sociology is increasingly popular at university and is offered at a wide range of institutions. A number of students have gone on to study it either by itself or combined with subjects such as Psychology, Geography or Education. Focusing on sociological and political debates, students learn to analyse and evaluate, drawing on critical thinking skills and considering the contextual circumstances of individuals and societies both past and present.

Sociology is recognised as a valuable subject for a range of career areas including Healthcare, Social Work, Criminal Justice, Teaching, Civil Service, along with industries such as Marketing and Advertising, Law, Journalism and other "people focused" jobs such as Personnel Management.

In recent years students have gone to Russell Group universities including Cambridge University to study Sociology. Others have entered public sector apprenticeships and developed careers with media organisations, legal firms and government departments.

What our students say:

"The subject has helped me gain a new perspective on the world around me and you are treated like a professional by the teachers."

Entry Requirements

Five Level 4 GCSEs are required for entry into 6th Form.

Level 5 pass is required in your chosen, or related, subject.

Some subjects require Level 6; decisions will be based on individual students.

Specialist facilities

Fully resourced dedicated classrooms

Hours of study (fortnightly)

9 hours of lesson time
 6 hours independent learning

Enrichment

You will be taught by experienced Sociology teachers, including AQA examiners, and be guided to research and analyse current affairs.

Trips are offered by the department including a visit to a local newspaper.

