



# SOCIOLOGY

## What will you study during the course?

GCSE Sociology helps to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes and issues through the study of:

- **The Sociology of Families:** The functions of families, family forms, conjugal relationships, changing relationships within families, criticisms of families and divorce.
- **The Sociology of Education:** The roles and functions of education, the relationships between education and capitalism, educational achievement and processes within schools.
- **Social Theory and Methodology:** Research methods and design; practical, ethical and theoretical issues.
- **The Sociology of Crime and Deviance:** The social construction of crime and deviance, social control, criminal and deviant behaviour and data on crime.
- **The Sociology of Social Stratification:** Functionalist theory of stratification, Socio-economic class, life chances, poverty as a social issue, power and authority and power relationships.

## How will the course be taught?

The course is taught through a wide range of activities including class discussions, group/pair work, interactive games, media video clips, presentations, debating and essay writing. Students will improve their literacy through essay writing and improve their numeracy skills when they interpret data through research methods.

## How will your work be assessed?

The Sociology of Family and Education: Paper 1	The Sociology of Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification: Paper 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sociology of families</li> <li>• The sociology of education</li> <li>• Relevant areas of social theory and methodology</li> </ul> <p>Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sociology of crime and deviance</li> <li>• The sociology of social stratification</li> <li>• Relevant areas of social theory and methodology</li> </ul> <p>Students will be expected to draw on knowledge and understanding of the entire course of study to show a deeper understanding of these topics.</p>
Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE	Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes 100 marks 50% of GCSE

## Where can it lead?

The study of Sociology at GCSE is a unique opportunity and provides an invaluable insight into the key institutions of society. Students will gain a crucial understanding of social and political changes and the impact of government, politics and the criminal justice system. Students will be encouraged to engage in current affairs and understand different perspectives. Students are encouraged to become autonomous in their learning and actively seek out relevant examples to apply to their learning. For example, the impact of Brexit or Educational Reform.

The working world values the study of Sociology as it gives perspective on the running and functioning of society and how interconnected society is. Careers related to Sociology include: Politics; Law; Journalism; Media; Public Services; Academia; Advertising and Marketing and many others. Knowledge of Sociology is an invaluable asset to any profession.