



## **Sociology A Level (AQA)**

### **Why study this subject?**

Sociology is the systematic study of individuals and how they interact in society. The subject focuses on many aspects including: how social relationships influence people's attitudes and behaviour, how major social institutions (education, media and religion) affect us, as well as how we affect other individuals and societal structures. Sociology consists of numerous theories whereby we can question why individuals do what they do.

The A Level Sociology Course will help you to understand your place in the social world and will provide you with an insight into social trends and issues outside of your personal experience. For example, looking at social inequalities (gender, class or ethnicity) and how this impacts our daily social interactions outside the classroom.

Studying A Level Sociology will help you learn independence, teamwork and develop your critical thinking skills. Sociologists do not simply accept what people say is true, rather, they investigate and provide evidence to probe beneath the surface of society to find out what is truthfully going on.

### **Entry Requirements**

Please see the entry requirements page on the school website.

### **Content**

- Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods
- Paper 2: Topics: 'Families and Households' and 'Beliefs in Society'
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

### **Assessment:**

The AQA specification is followed and is assessed through *examination* only. There are three papers in total and worth a total of 240 marks. Each paper lasts two hours and involves short answer questions (4 and 6 mark questions) and extended / essay writing (10, 20 and 30 mark questions).

### **Future courses and possible careers**

A Level Sociology is considered to be an excellent academic asset which provides students with research skills as well as the ability to present material in both oral and written form. It is therefore respected by universities and employers alike. Possible career areas might include Management and Administration, Sales and Marketing, Health and Social Welfare, Advertising, Teaching, Finance, Policing and Law.