



## **SOCIOLOGY (AQA)**

**Level of Study: A-Level**

### **Description of Course**

This course provides a lively and interesting introduction to Sociology and the study of human social behaviour. Sociology provides a scientific study of society, which helps us to understand various social systems. Although we study specific topics in depth, students are encouraged to develop their own awareness through engagement with the contemporary social world.

### **AS level (non-exam)**

Education with Sociological Methods  
Families and Households

### **A-Level**

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

*Key sociological themes of Socialisation, Culture and Identity, Social Class, Age, Gender and Ethnicity are considered throughout the course.*

### **Skills Required**

A good standard of written English – preferably a '6' GCSE at English Language - and an interest in current affairs are *essential*. Students should be able to discuss and analyse social issues and problems.

### **Entry Qualifications**

You must meet the general school entry requirements for A-Level courses.

### **Method of Assessment**

Three written examinations at the end of two years with structured and essay style questions

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### **Educational Progression and Career Opportunities**

Sociology involves a rigorous study of a variety of sociological perspectives, and develops the ability to evaluate critically. The ability to evaluate (create an argument) is a critical skill. Sociology is accepted as an academic Advanced level and is a useful background for those wishing to study social sciences, law and the humanities in further and higher education. You could progress into social/probation work, careers in the health services, advertising, marketing and human resources, the media, the police and the legal profession.