



SOCIOLOGY

DETAILS OF COURSE:

Students will study the AQA course. Candidates will be encouraged to develop their own sociological awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world. Two core themes are integral to both AS and A Level courses:

- socialisation, culture and identity
- social differentiation, power and stratification

The impact of globalisation is also a key area emphasised in this new syllabus.

AS LEVEL:

Paper 1:

- *Education;*
- *Methods in Context (looking at ways to research education topics)*
- *Research Methods*

Paper 2:

- Culture and Identity;
- Families and Households

Each paper will be examined in a 1 ½ hour examination, worth 50% of the total AS marks.

A LEVEL

Paper 1:

- Education
- Methods in Context (looking at ways to research education topics)

Paper 2:

- Family and Households
- Beliefs in Society

Paper 3:

- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

The papers will be examined in 3, 2 hour exams, each worth 33⅓% of the total A Level marks.

QUALITIES AND COMMITMENT EXPECTED FROM THE STUDENT:

Independent thinking and the capacity to balance opposing views and world outlooks are necessary skills to study Sociology. Students must be prepared to read around the subject outside lesson times and keep up to date with current affairs, where relevant.



THE FUTURE:

Sociology is an academic subject which is accepted by all employers and universities. It is particularly useful for students who want to work with people and provides a good grounding for occupations such as Advertising, Journalism, Personnel Management, Social Work and Law. The usefulness of Social Sciences was highlighted in a 2014 Employment Survey which showed that graduates in these disciplines are more likely to find employment.