



# SOCIOLOGY

Exam Board: AQA

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## COURSE SUMMARY

Students will learn about the main theories in Sociology and the themes which run throughout the course, such as stratification, socialisation, culture and identity. In the first year students will focus on the sociology of the family and education and carry out some primary research in local schools. The second year will focus on crime and deviance and global development.

## WHY STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

"If you are fascinated by the behaviour of others and why we act the way we do, then Sociology is for you! Sociology seeks to understand all aspects of human social behaviour including the social dynamics of small groups of people, large organisations, communities, institutions and even entire societies. Sociology is a dynamic, fun, fascinating, empowering and very enjoyable subject and adds a new perspective to your life." *Jess*

## WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

"Lessons cover a wide range of topics, such as causes of crime, family diversity, class, poverty, and class debates and discussions form an integral part of the course. Students are encouraged to take an active part in discussing current events and relating them to sociological perspectives." *Jess*

## COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two-year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13.

## MIGHT LEAD TO...

Research shows people entering the job market will change careers several times over the course of their working life. Sociology trains you to answer the 'what', 'how' and 'why' questions about human societies, giving you a competitive edge in the job market and providing a strong intellectual background for students considering careers in the professions and business. It makes you think about things in society that you might not have considered.

*"When I leave school I hope to study Sociology at Cardiff University and become a Social Researcher. I have studied Sociology, Food and Religious Studies." Evie*



Sociology is a respected subject for study in higher education. Students go on to have careers in administration, business, health and welfare, education, journalism, public relations, police and research.

## ADVICE ON ENTRY

A good command of English is required together with strong essay writing skills as well as an active interest in current affairs.