

Sixth Form – A Level course Description

Course title: **Sociology A Level**

Entry Requirements: The A Level is academically demanding. Students should expect to write extended essay answers and have the skills to critically analyse and evaluate key sociologists. Therefore students are expected to have a minimum of a grade 5 in English Language.

Topics Covered:

In Year 12	In Year 13
<p>Students study two topics:</p> <p>Education with Methods in Context The Family</p> <p>Core themes run through each topic which include power, social stratification and social identity with a focus on gender, ethnicity, age and social class.</p>	<p>Students study two topics:</p> <p>Beliefs in Society Crime and Deviance</p> <p>Again the core themes remain similar to year 12, however the importance of social theory and the relationship between research and knowledge is developed further through exploring religion and crime.</p>

Exam Board: AQA

Details of Examinations: Sociology is now following the new AQA linear specification and therefore all students will sit three exams at the end of year 13. Each exam is 2 hours long and worth 80 marks each.

In Year 12	In Year 13
<p>Internal AP4 exam.</p>	<p>Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods. Paper 2: Topics in Sociology Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods.</p>

Post-18 Progression and Pathways to universities:

There are a range of pathways which sociology can offer at university, including:

- Journalism
- Social research
- The law and politics
- Education
- Business and the health industry
- Criminology

The course also develops core skills required to support students who choose to enter higher

education which include academic writing, constructing arguments, evaluating different

perspectives and independent study.

Enrichment:

On this course, you will be offered the opportunity to visit and observe lessons lower down the school as a part of the education unit. Students will also have the unique opportunity to attend a talk by a reformed criminal when studying the crime and deviance unit.

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