



SOCIOLOGY

It is our intent to enable pupils to delve deeper into society and to understand how it functions through examining social phenomena that affects people's lives in profound ways. Through the study of Sociology, pupils will evaluate society around them and they will gain an appreciation of how and why society works in the way that it does. Students will be exposed to a range of sociological skills and knowledge through the study of key sociologists in the past and present. The course aims to empower students to grow in compassion and kindness, looking beyond appearances and ultimately making an active and positive contribution to society.

YEAR 12

- Students start with an introduction into key Sociological terms, themes and perspectives. This provides a foundation of themes and perspectives that will be covered throughout the course.
- They will then begin studying Education; this enables students to relate to some of the ideas in sociology early in their studies.
- Alongside Education, students will also study Health. Students will learn about inequalities in health chances of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity. Students will also learn about the nature of mental illness.
- Students will study Research Methods; they will learn about sociological methodology used in the research process. Students will apply sociological research methods to the study of education.
- Students will finish the academic year with the study of Theory. They will consider key debates such as 'should Sociology be regarded as scientific?' and 'should Sociology inform social policy?'

YEAR 13

- Within the topic of Crime and Deviance, students will look at the social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class, including recent patterns and trends in crime.
- Students will also study the topic of Media where they will learn about the processes and selection of the content of the news. They will also analyse media representation of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability.

How the course is taught

Students are taught by two teachers, this allows students to learn about two different topics simultaneously. We aim to use a range of teaching and learning activities in lessons, the most common activities include:

- Watching videos on key sociological studies and contemporary issues
- Using authentic material such as news articles and journals to make notes on key social issues
- Key content reviewed through interactive starters promoting retrieval practice such as Kahoot
- Working independently out of lessons researching topics to feedback to the group in discussions.

How the course is assessed

Sociology follows the AQA exam board. At the end of the A-Level course, students will sit three examinations. These consist of short questions and extended writing questions. There is no coursework in Sociology.