



# Sociology

Exam Board: AQA

**What is the purpose of education? Who decides on our Government, the media or us? Would you be the same person had you been born into a different family? What does the average criminal look like? If these questions intrigue you then this could be the subject for you..**

## Entry Requirements:

Five level 9–5 grades at GCSE.

Grade 9–6 is required in an essay based GCSE (e.g. History, English).

## A-level Course Summary:

### Unit 1: Education, Methods in Context, Theory & Methods.

Written Paper – 2 hours. Questions include short answer and extended writing. 33.3% of the A-level.

### Unit 2: Option Topics – Culture & Identities Families & Households, Health, Work, Poverty & Welfare, Beliefs in Society, Global Development, The Media, Stratification and Differentiation.

Written Paper – 2 hours. Questions include short answer and extended writing. 33.3% of the A-level:

### Unit 3: Crime and Deviance, Theory and Methods.

Written Paper – 2 hours. Questions include short answer and extended writing. 33.3% of the A-level.

Sociology is the study of how society is organised and how people interact and experience life. It investigates the now and analyses the roles that various institutions have in shaping our culture and beliefs. Delving into various theories, Sociology's subject matter is our society and our own behaviour. The subject develops skills that are incredibly valuable within higher education and employment. These are: critical thinking, producing clear and coherent arguments and the ability to confidently express oneself verbally.

As a department we are innovative and thrive on the use of social media; we are always looking for pioneering ways to communicate and for our students to learn. We also enjoy visits from outside speakers, including those from government departments such as the National Office for Statistics.

Sociology combines well with Economics, Psychology, Geography, English Literature, History and Politics.

## Who is the course for?

- Students who have a desire to know more about the world we live in and the institutions in contemporary Britain that regulate our behaviour.
- Students wishing to take degrees in Sociology, Psychology, Social Work, Health and Social Care, Anthropology, Theology, Philosophy, English, History and Education.
- Students who are looking for careers in: education, health and social care, personnel, marketing, counselling, politics, social work, journalism, government research, childcare and advertising.