



### What will Year 12 students learn and how many lessons will they have each week?

Year 12s will have four one-hour lessons of Sociology timetabled in a week. They will study units called Education, and Crime and Deviance. Sociology allows students to investigate and critically analyse the social world. You will examine how society shapes behaviour, beliefs and identity and will discover how social institutions such as the education system, media, law and families influence the process of identity formation and how people think and act.

### What will Year 12 students need to do to get the most out of their lessons?

Students need to revise and revisit a substantial amount of work at home and will be required to complete long 10- and 20-mark answers to questions independently and in lesson. We expect students to be engaged in the debates and key issues that we discuss in class to help develop their critical awareness and evaluative skills.

Students are recommended to have at least a level 6 in English Language GCSE to enable them to write to A Level standard. These writing skills can be developed over the course of the A Level but will require students to put in extra effort and work.

### How much homework will Year 12 students have in this subject?

Students will have 2 pieces of homework per week, each piece of homework should take an hour to complete.

Aside from set homework, you will be expected to keep up to date with current affairs and independently revise and revisit topics.

Following the topics raised and discussed on the BBC website in the Family and Education section will also help prepare students.

### Which careers can this subject lead to?

Sociology students are found in a wide range of careers such as Social Services, Education, the Probation Service, the Media and Law.

Many of the skills acquired can be transferred to other occupations such as marketing, research, and departments in central and local government.

### Which other subjects complement this subject?

Sociology is complemented by Psychology and Health and Social Care. Our students are required to write extended essays and show awareness of key issues, debates and research in each topic which is a skill required in many A Level subjects, such as History and English Literature.

### Does sociology have coursework?

Assessment is 100% exam based.

There are three two hour exam papers at the end of Year 13.

### What is the exam board?

AQA

### What is the difference between Sociology and Psychology?

Sociology studies society as a whole and Psychology studies individual behaviour. Sociologists will consider the impact of wider social forces on our behaviour, attitudes and cultures. Whilst we consider the behaviour of individuals, we often look for the roots of this behaviour in the wider social world. Psychologists consider individual behaviour from the perspective of the individual.