

# A Level Sociology

Examination Board: AQA

Contact Teacher: Mrs Durham



## Course Details and Assessment

Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions, the consideration of what actually IS society, and how and why it is the structure it is. Sociology's units are diverse, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, and from social stability to radical change in whole societies.

### The course will cover the following areas:

AS Course	Full A Level
The course at AS covers not only the skills needed to research Sociology but also the influence of two key functions within society - education and the family.	The course at A Level builds upon the first year of study, developing further the research and evaluation skills. It also considers two new aspects of society - the role of belief within society and the impact of crime and deviance upon society.

### The course is assessed in the following way:

AS Level	A Level
<p><b>Paper 1:</b> Education with Methods in Context - 1hr 30 paper worth 50% of AS grade. A mixture of short and extended questions, some including items to refer to, showing knowledge of the topic</p> <p><b>Paper 2:</b> Research Methods and 'Families and households' - 1 hr 30 paper worth 50% of final AS grade. A mixture of short and extended questions, some including items to refer to, showing knowledge of both the topic and the skills needed within sociology.</p>	<p><b>Paper 1:</b> Education with Theory and Methods - 2hr paper worth 33.3% of final A Level. A mixture of short and extended answers considering both knowledge of Education unit and the skills of Sociologists.</p> <p><b>Paper 2:</b> Topics in Sociology - 2hr paper worth 33.3% of final A Level. Extended written answers on both the Families unit and the Beliefs in Society unit.</p> <p><b>Paper 3:</b> Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods - 2hr paper worth 33.3% of final A Level. A mixture of short and extended answers considering both knowledge of Crime and Deviance unit and the skills of Sociologists.</p>

Career/Higher Education	Entry Requirements
Sociology is highly regarded by many universities for its development of skills and the insight given to the function and role of aspects within society. This is an excellent grounding for a range of social science degrees, careers in public service and education.	Grade 5 in English Language for written communication skills, and a grade 5 in any Humanities subject at GCSE.

*"Whatever Sociology may be, it is the result of constantly asking the question, what is the meaning of this?" C Wright Mills*