

Name of Subject

A-Level Sociology

Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

AQA

Why Should I Study this Course?

Sociology is an engaging subject that studies society and the way people interact within it. It covers a range of topics, such as the impact of education, the role of family, social inequality, and how crime is shaped by society. This course helps develop key skills in critical thinking, analysis, and understanding of social issues, preparing students to think deeply about the world around them.

Who is Suitable to Study this Course?

If you have a desire to understand the world around you, this course is for you. Sociology can be applied to Humanities, particularly subjects like history, which can help you with the content. You may be interested in working in journalism or law or in the criminal justice system. Sociology can be applied to these, as well as many other career paths.

What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

You need to have Grade 5 in English to study A-Level Sociology with a minimum of five Grade 4 GCSEs overall.

How is this Course Delivered?

The course is taught over 5 hours per week by Mr Proctor. It is expected that you work a similar amount of time within independent study.

Subject Overview		
Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Introduction to Sociology, Education	Crime & Deviance
Autumn 2	Education	Crime & Deviance
Spring 1	Research Methods, Methods in Context	Media
Spring 2	Family & Households	Media, Theory & Methods
Summer 1	Family & Households	Theory & Methods, Revision, Paper 1
Summer 2	Introduction to Crime & Deviance	Paper 2 & 3

How is this Course Assessed?

There are three exams at the end of the course, each two hours long and worth 80 marks:

- Paper 1: Education, methods in context, theory and methods
- Paper 2: Families and households, the media
- Paper 3: Crime & deviance, theory and methods

What is our Recommended Subject Reading List to Support your Study?

- Webb, R, Westergaard, H, Trobe,K, Townend, A (2015). AQA A Level Sociology Book One, third edition. Napier Press
- Webb, R, Westergaard, H, Trobe,K, Townend, A (2016). AQA A Level Sociology Book Two. Napier Press
- Browne, K (2015) Sociology for AQA volume 1 AS and 1st year A Level 5th edition. Cambridge: Polity Press
- Browne, K (2016) Sociology for AQA volume 2 2nd -year A Level 3rd edition. Cambridge: Polity Press