

## POST 16 SUBJECT OVERVIEW

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#### Name of Subject

A Level Sociology

#### Which Examination Specification is Studied for this Course?

AQA

#### Why should I study this course?

Sociology is for you if you are interested in how society works and how people fit in (or don't!) to social groups. If you are interested in current affairs, debate and discussion, or are looking for explanations for what goes on in society all around you then this is the perfect subject for you, It can lead to university study &/or jobs in a wide range of fields, from research to teaching, the Civil Service to marketing and many more.

#### Who is suitable to study this course?

You can go on to study Sociology at university, or social science more broadly, politics, philosophy, economics - it can take you in a variety of directions! You could become a research sociologist, teacher, campaigner - any type of job involving research, analysis, interpretation, communication skills.

#### What GCSE Qualifications Support the Study of this Course?

Humanities subjects at GCSE are a good preparation for Sociology, as well as English (for essay writing and reading research) .

#### What are the Qualification Requirements for this Course?

Five GCSE at Grade 4, including English at Grade 5

#### How is the Course Delivered?

The course is taught over five hours a week, by Ms Tetlow, with the expectation that you will spend the same amount of time outside lesson time in a variety of ways to support your study: daily news watching/reading, keeping up to date with documentaries, reviewing lesson notes, independent research, homework tasks and assessments etc

In grid below outline what units / content is taught when across the two year course

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Half Term	Year 12	Year 13
Autumn 1	Introduction to Sociology, Education	Crime and deviance
Autumn 2	Education	Crime and deviance
Spring 1	Methods in context	Media
Spring 2	Family	Media
Summer 1	Family	Theories and methods, revision, Paper 1
Summer 2	Theories and methods	Paper 2 & 3

### **How is the 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

[www.sociology.uk.net](http://www.sociology.uk.net)

Crash course Sociology youtube videos eg. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCJU6PaCio>