

SOCIOLOGY

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



Exam Board: AQA

WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

Sociology is extremely useful for most careers because of the thinking skills it develops. Many sociology students move on into Higher Education, where the subject supports all degrees, but especially those in the media, law and public services, as well as in Sociology itself. Graduate recruiters are particularly interested in employing those with a Sociology background. The specification followed complements other Advanced Level courses, such as Psychology, Law and Health and Social Care. As an academic subject, Sociology also blends well with English and History due to the similar study and essay writing skills employed. Sociology students often choose careers in the public sector, (e.g. teaching and policing), and in the media, as Sociology equips learners with a critical understanding of society.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

Sociology is the study of society and students will:

- Examine the nature of contemporary society.
- Examine patterns of behaviour in society.
- Explore ways in which society influences individuals and how individuals influence society.

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Paper 1: Education with theory and methods

Paper 2: Family & Households or Culture and Identity and The Media (2-part paper)

Paper 3: Crime & Deviance with theory and methods

ASSESSMENT

Each module is assessed by external assessment (examination), which is predominantly essay based. There is no assessment based on coursework for this subject.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted on the A Level course a student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). Strong essay writing skills are very advantageous and, while it is not an absolute requirement, most students would be expected to have a GCSE of at least a grade 4 in English Language. Students are expected to have a wider interest in current affairs and a curiosity about how society functions.