

# A Level Sociology

## What the course covers

Sociology is in essence the study of people in society. It examines the values, attitudes, culture and organisation of the society in which we live and how that influences our social behavior. Sociologists are interested in how people interact in social situations from the very small-scale group to within large-scale institutions. This makes sociology a very large and complex, but ultimately fascinating, area of study. Sociology is an academic subject and has a strong theoretical content.

### Year 1 Outline

Students will study the following topics:

#### Topic 1 – Education and methods in context

This topic will examine how education shapes the society we inhabit, how education works, what cultures shape our school environment and how policy affects the way young people are educated.

#### Topic 2 – Families and households and methods

This topic will examine role in families, demographic changes to families in UK society, effects on health, gender roles, work, poverty and welfare.

### Year 2 Outline

#### Topic 3 – Beliefs in society:

This topic will investigate the beliefs, thinking and organisations that shape the beliefs of UK society.

#### Topic 4 – Crime and deviance and sociological theory and methods:

This unit will analyse theories of crime and control, examine the demography of crime and interrogate the global nature of modern crime and crime prevention.

For further information about the syllabus visit the following web address: [www.aqa.org.uk](http://www.aqa.org.uk)

## What students can do with this course

Sociology is an extremely popular subject which goes well with a range of different A Level combinations, particularly the other social sciences of psychology, economics, law, politics and RE. Students who have studied sociology have gone onto a vast variety of degree courses and have accessed a full range of universities, including Russell Group universities. Sociology is an excellent preparation for any degree, or indeed career, particularly in education, law, social research and journalism.

## How this course is assessed

Paper 1 will examine education, methods in context and sociological theory and methods - 2 hours, 33.3%

Paper 2 will examine families and households and beliefs in society - 2 hours, 33.3%

Paper 3 will examine crime and deviance and theory and methods - 2 hours, 33.3%

## Entry requirements

All our course entry requirements are detailed in the Entry Requirements document located in the admissions section of our website.