

	SOCIOLOGY	
	Qualification Level	A-level
	Exam Board/ Syllabus	AQA
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Why Study This Course?

The aim of this subject is to explore the society we live in considering factors such as education, the family, beliefs and crime and deviance that shape our daily lives. Sociology is a forum for debating ideas and a method for investigating society. This subject provides students with an opportunity to develop written communication skills and explore the modern world. Students also gain a better understanding of themselves and the society around them. Students will develop strong analytical and evaluation skills.

Course Assessment Pattern/ Structure

There will be an end of topic assessment at the end of topics as well as regular essay and exam practice. There are three final exams taken at the end of Year 13. Each exam is 2 hours and 80 marks each.

Units to be studied:

- Education With Theory & Methods
- Topics in Sociology including - Families and Households & Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

These units are all studied with a focus on the following themes:

- Socialisation, culture and identity
- Social differentiation, power and stratification

Additionally all the following must be an integral part of the study of each topic area:

- Sociological theories, perspectives and methods
- The design of the research used to obtain the data under consideration, including its strengths and limitations.

Exam Structure

A-Level		Duration	Weighting	Marks
Paper 1	Education With Theory & Methods	2 hours	33.3%	80
Paper 2	Topics in Sociology	2 hours	33.3%	80
Paper 3	Crime & Deviance With Theory & Methods	2 hours	33.3%	80

Higher/Further Education & Career Links

Elements of sociology will form part of most higher education courses. Additionally there are strong links between sociology and health & social care, psychology, human resources, marketing, journalism and the media, police and the legal professions.

<i>Business & Innovation</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Expressive Arts & Languages</i>	Humanities	<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>PE</i>	<i>Science</i>
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