

# A – Level Sociology

## A-Level Sociology Overview:

Sociology A-Level can help students gain a better understanding of society, its systems, and its functions. You'll study key concepts such as power, gender, ethnicity and culture, as well as mass media, education, crime and deviance. As part of the A-level you will have the opportunity to investigate and analyse societal institutions like the criminal justice system, the school system, and the national/global press.

Contrasting perspectives within Sociology naturally create debate and when combined with potentially controversial topics of study. Sociology encourages pupils to challenge their view of society and appreciate how certain societal groups suffer or lose out, whilst other groups prosper.

The research, study and written skills you'll develop throughout the course will be an excellent foundation for university and your future career. You'll learn to question and challenge ideas and assumptions, critically examine evidence, and experience lots of discussion and debate.

### Topics Studied

- Education
- Families and households
- The Media
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods



## Assessment:

- Paper 1 – Education with Theory & Methods – 80 marks – 2hrs
- Paper 2 – Topics in Sociology – 80 marks – 2hrs
- Paper 3 – Crime & Deviance with Theory & Methods – 80 marks – 2hrs

## Entry Requirements:

Grade 5 in English Literature and English Language  
Having a grade 5 in a Humanities subjects would be beneficial because of the critical thinking skills these subjects teach.

## Specification

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## Progression and Career Opportunities:

A Level Sociology gives you a strong foundation if you choose to go on to study of a range of academic subjects at degree level. The knowledge you learn can be applied to all aspects of society and it provides a variety of academic skills especially thinking critically about the world.

Popular degree choices include Law, Social Policy, Economics, History, Psychology and Criminology. Because of the variety of topics studying in Sociology, it can lead students into careers in social work, politics, law, education, policing or social research.

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