

# SOCIOLOGY

## COURSE OUTLINE:

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### Exam Board: AQA

Sociology is the scientific study of contemporary society. Its focus is upon all kinds of social relationships that people share with each other; in their families, in their schools and in work. Studying Sociology must foster the development of critical and reflective thinking with respect for social diversity. The methods developed by Sociologists are used in many other academic areas such as in data analysis, market research and management studies.

The A level Sociology qualification is assessed through three terminal examinations taken at the end of a two year period of study; Socialisation and culture (40%), Methods of Sociological enquiry (20%) and Power and stratification (40%).

## SKILLS REQUIRED:

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This course will appeal to students who enjoy looking at the world around them, and who want to understand the social factors that influence people's lives. Learners are encouraged to acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary social processes and social changes. They will also understand and evaluate sociological methodology and a range of research methods through active involvement in the research process.

## FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

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You can follow a pathway into Higher Education studying: Social work, Social Science, Human Resource management, Specialist Nursing, Teaching.

Sociology provides an excellent foundation for further professional training in areas such as: Law and Criminal Justice, Urban Planning, Public health

Careers connected to Sociology: Survey Researcher, Social Worker, Public Relations, Media Planner, Market Research Analyst, Management Consultant, Lawyer, Human Resources, Guidance Counsellor

