

# SOCIOLOGY

## A LEVEL

### WHAT WILL I STUDY?

Sociology is the systematic and scientific study of society and its constituent parts (including the family, the education system, the workplace, mass media and its various religious, political and legal institutions). It focuses on how society operates and how individuals and groups act and interact within it. You will also examine society's key institutions and the ways in which they affect and are affected by different groups of people.

This course also explores and explains the huge and decisive impact our social class, gender, ethnicity and various other group memberships have upon every aspect of our everyday lives. Importantly, Sociology differs from other forms of comment on society, such as those expressed in journalism, literature or common sense, as it is more systematic, evidential and critical. In the first year you will examine families and households in contemporary British society, and the education system and research methods – looking closely at sociological factors which affect students' academic performance. Areas of study in year two include the changing role of religion in modern society, crime and deviance, research methods and sociological theories.

### WHAT NEXT?

Whilst many students continue on to study subjects including philosophy, education, English literature, media, politics, law and sociology, this course provides a strong grounding for those wishing to pursue many other subject areas at degree level. Alternatively, students may consider direct entry into employment such as business management, journalism, human resources or further training.

#### ASSESSMENT

Exam (100%)

#### DURATION

2 years

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Standard entry requirements to include grade 5 in GCSE English and Maths.

#### EXAM BOARD

AQA

#### COSTS

£30 for textbooks