



No Additional Requirements

# Sociology

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*“I often say that sociology is a martial art, a means of self-defence. Basically, you use it to defend yourself, without having the right to use it for unfair attacks.” – Pierre Bourdieu*

## Course description

Sociology is the study of society, something we all and participate in and experience. How we interact with people, how our identities are shaped and how we are impacted according to our identities and the social groups we belong to, are subject to our interrogation. Studying sociology will open many doors, in your future and in your mind.

You will develop your knowledge on

- the diversity of families and households;
- UK demography;
- the British education system and the factors affecting achievement (such as class, gender, and ethnicity);
- the causes of crime, definitions of deviance, which and why social groups are more likely to be punished for crimes
- globalisation and its implications on the development of countries

One of the main issues we study in sociology is inequality and how that permeates through issues such as crime and education, across nations that are considered developed and developing, and between family members.

**Examination Board**  
AQA

**Assessment**  
Written examinations

## What you will study?

### In the first year you will study:

- Families and Households
- Education with theory and methods

### In the second year, you will study:

- Crime and deviance with theory and methods
- Global Development

## Future Pathways

Sociology is a great subject for students who want a career in social work, nursing, medicine, academia. The subject is also useful in a number of careers like marketing, advertising, PR, journalism, law or teaching.

## Extra-curricular opportunities

Conferences and key speakers are invited to discuss their specialism and research, relevant to areas that are studied in the 2-year course. Trips to parliament, museums, courts and much more.