



## Sociology

### Who is this course for?

This is an exciting and popular course but no prior knowledge of the subject is required.

You should choose this course if:

- you want your mind to be stretched and challenged
- you have an inquisitive mind and like to look 'beyond the surface'
- you enjoy debating and questioning the world around you

### What will I study?

Sociology is the study of society. It should help you to see the world in a different way. We encourage you to question why the meaning of family has changed over time, why teachers labelling can have profound effects on achievement, why women are less represented in religion, to what extent does the media serve the needs of the powerful and why certain groups are labelled as criminal. Sociology likes to 'get behind the scenes' of what *seems* to be happening and often comes up with a much more convincing explanation of what is actually going on than that offered by so-called 'common sense' approaches.

A sociologist does not simply observe the activities in society but analyses, evaluates and offers explanations for what happens. Consider Glossopdale, sociology is a popular course and achieves excellent results. Sociology is the subject for you if you are interested in exploring some of the following - why some will succeed, others will 'drop out'. why some conform to what teachers want, others don't. What causes the things that happen in school; things that may possibly have a long lasting effect on the students who have passed through them?

### A-level topics:

- Education with Theory and Methods
- Families and Households
- Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

### How will I be assessed?

Three written exam papers at the end of Year 13.

### Course entry requirements

Five GCSEs at grade 5 or above in different subjects including English and Maths.





**What can I go with this qualification?**

Sociology is a highly valued course and prepares students for a variety of courses at higher education. Sociology has particular relevance to careers in market research, management, social work, teaching, police, child care and many more.

**Also consider**

English, Criminology, Health and Social Care, Psychology, English, History and Geography.

*With our impressive Sixth Form facilities, outstanding teaching and excellent results we are confident that we can offer you a successful route to university or employment.*

