

Sociology

Awarding body: Assessment and Qualifications Alliance (AQA)

Qualification: A/S and A Level – students will be entered for the full A level

Method of assessment: Assessment is by written examinations only. No Coursework

Course entry requirement: Good literacy skills are required and therefore students should have a minimum grade 5 or above in GCSE English.

Course description and what it will be like: Sociology specification introduces students to the broad range of key sociological topics.

The following must be an integral part of the study of each topic area: sociological theories, perspectives and method and the design of the research used to obtain the data under consideration, including its strengths and limitations.

The themes should be understood and applied to particular substantive areas of sociology. In addition, students must understand the significance of conflict and consensus, social structure and social action, and the role of values.

Specification and Units of Study

AS	AS	A2	A2	A2
Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
Education with Methods in Context	Research Methods and Topics in Sociology	Education with Theory and Methods	Topics	Crime and Deviance + Theory Methods
1hr + 30 mins 60 marks 50% of the AS	1hr + 30 mins 60 marks 50% of the AS	2 hr 80 marks 33% of A-level	2 hr 80 Marks 33% of A-level	2 hr paper 80 Marks 33% of A-level
Short questions and extended writing 60 marks	Short questions and extended writing 60 marks	Short questions and extended writing 80 marks	Extended writing 80 marks	Extended writing 80 marks

Opportunities for Progression and Careers Prospects: Sociology will support teaching, law related work, education+ social work.