

**Subject:**  
**Sociology**

**Curriculum Leader:**  
**Mrs J Mills**

**Exam Board: AQA**

**Overview:**

## Assessments

| <b>Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods</b>   | <b>Paper 2: Topics in Sociology</b>  | <b>Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods</b>  |
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| <b>What's assessed</b><br>Compulsory content 4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3  | <b>What's assessed</b><br>Section A: one from option 1: 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3 or 4.2.4<br>Section B: one from option 2: 4.2.5, 4.2.6, 4.2.7 or 4.2.8 | <b>What's assessed</b><br>Compulsory content 4.3.1, 4.3.2   |
| <b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hour written exam</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 33.3% of A-level</li></ul>   | <b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hour written exam</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 33.3% of A-level</li></ul>                | <b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 hour written exam</li><li>• 80 marks</li><li>• 33.3% of A-level</li></ul>   |
| <b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks</li><li>• Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks</li><li>• Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks</li></ul> | <b>Questions</b><br>Section A: extended writing, 40 marks<br>Section B: extended writing, 40 marks   | <b>Questions</b><br>Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks<br>Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks |

**Sociology is the study of the way we are shaped by things that we do not see. It is the study of society and its institutions. Have you ever wondered why girls play with dolls whilst boys play soldiers? Or why students from more affluent backgrounds, on average, outperform students from poorer backgrounds? How about why a tragedy gets more news coverage if the victims speak English? Or why prison does not seem to deter people from taking illegal drugs? These are the types of question that interest a sociologist and it is through studying the family, the education system, the media and crime that you will begin to answer them. As well as these four topics, the course will also give you a good grounding in sociological theory and research methods, which will all serve to provide with knowledge and skills that will serve you well in a number of different spheres of academia and employment.**

Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by higher education (HE) and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.