

# GCSE SOCIOLOGY



GCSE in Sociology is designed to give pupils an understanding and awareness of the social world around them. The course focuses on the importance of social structure in explaining social issues.

Pupils will explore and debate contemporary social issues to enable them to challenge assumptions and to question their everyday understanding of social phenomena.

The course is divided into two main units

## Component 1: Understanding Social Processes

Key concepts and processes of cultural transmission

Families

Education

Sociological research methods

Pupils will consider how human beings acquire their identity and examine the process of passing on culture from generation to generation and in diverse settings. They will be encouraged to contemplate how they acquire their individual identity

## Component 2: Understanding Social Structures

Social differentiation and stratification

Crime and deviance

Applied methods of sociological enquiry

Pupils will enhance their awareness of the social world through an examination of social structures and their influence on human behaviour. They will develop an understanding of the nature and extent of inequality and will examine theories on the causes of inequality

## Assessment Criteria

There is no coursework, meaning that sociology is 100% exam based.

Pupils sit **two** exams, which are both **1.45** hours each.

The exams are made up of **mix** of short answer, structured questions and **extended** response questions

## How Sociology will help you in the future

Through studying sociology you will understand how society works and how people learn to function within our society

You will be able to critically analyse information and use evidence in order to make informed arguments

You will develop the following skills:

- \*Empathy
- \*The ability to evaluate
- \*The ability to construct an argument

## Future Careers

Sociology can help you with any career in which you have to have contact with people

Human Resources

Journalist

Law

Medicine (Dr, Nurse, Health Visitor, Physiotherapist, Care etc)

Police

Social Worker

Teacher

Teaching Assistant

Miss Morris is the subject specialist for Sociology.

All exam classes will be taught by Miss Morris

