

# Sociology



## What is Sociology?

The study of society on a number of different levels:

- A subject which helps explain social change, past, present and future
- A subject which encourages political and social engagement with contemporary and social issues
- A subject which involves being actively involved with social research and policy

### Entry requirements:

5 A\*-C including grade 5 English



### **Case Study: - Mark Ghous – St Robert's**

I am currently studying Sociology, English Language and Religious Studies at A level. Sociology has helped me to realise the importance of the family, education and media in shaping our identities. I have enjoyed learning about gender, class, age and ethnic diversity in society. The knowledge I have gained in sociology has helped me in my other subjects. It has been of great benefit to me in preparing for my future career of working with children in primary education.

### What topics will I be learning about?

The course offers a number of compulsory core topics, as well as optional topics:

- The Family
- Education
- The impact of globalisation
- The nature of social relationships
- Different forms of social inequality
- The impact of new forms of social media
- Social research in a range of social contexts

### How will I be assessed?

There are a range of forms of assessment, all exam based. These range from short answer to longer essay questions. There is no coursework. Assessment will take place at the end of the two year course for A level.

### What skills does the A Level in Sociology give students?

Studying sociology will definitely help develop your essay skills, allowing you to discuss different views on social issues in a critical and evaluative way. Being able to draw on a range of perspectives, evidence and contemporary issues is excellent preparation for university and employment. Sociology provides a strong understanding of social and political issues, past and present.

### What can I do with an A Level in Sociology?

A Level Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Universities recognise that sociology A Level provides students with a very good foundation in social, political and policy knowledge. Sociology is regarded as a demanding and rigorous A Level which combines well with any other combination of subjects. Sociology students go on to a wide range of jobs in journalism, policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in The service sector. Graduates of sociology have higher Levels of employment than many other subjects.