

## **AS-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY**

This subject enables candidates to:

- Acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary societies.
- Appreciate the significance of theoretical and conceptual issues in sociological debate.
- Understand sociological methodology and a range of research methods.
- Reflect on their own experience of the social world in which they live.
- Develop skills, which enhance their ability to participate more effectively in adult life.

Sociology is an engaging subject, especially if you are interested in current affairs and enjoy asking questions! This subject challenges 'taken for granted' knowledge about the world in which we live and demands that students engage in contemporary theoretical debates, using evidence and research to support different views.

### **Course content and assessment**

#### **Unit 1**

Families and Households  
Culture and Identity  
Wealth, Poverty and Welfare.

*The above is assessed by a 1 hour written paper. Candidates will study **one** of the above and answer some short questions and two essays.*

#### **Unit 2**

Education  
Health  
Sociological Methods

*The above is assessed by a 2 hour written paper. Candidates will study either Education or Health, as well as Sociological methods, and answer a mixture of short questions and essays.*

### **Teaching and Learning**

Students engage in active learning through discussions, debates and experiential activities. Sociology classes are lively places where you will be free to express ideas and consider different view points. Weekly homework is set in order that learners have chance to apply learning and build their knowledge and skills base before the formal examination. Learners will also be expected to engage in activities outside the specification in order to develop their sociological imaginations!

**Exam Board: AQA**