



Maths &  
Computing

Course Details		Sociology
Exam Board	AQA	
Syllabus title	A Level in Sociology	
Course Code	7192, two year A level course	
Course Content	Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods Pupils will be looking at the Sociology of Education. This includes the role education performs for society, both internal and external factors that may produce inequalities in education and social policies.	
	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology Pupils will be looking at the Sociology of Families and Households and the Mass Media. This includes a number of different topics including family types, social policies relating to the family, the role of the media and media ownership.	
	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods In this topic area pupils learn an in depth account of what crime and deviance is, the functions crime performs, both positive and negative, how key theorists view crime, the criminal justice system, and why there are inequalities within crime and deviance.	
Assessment and weighting	Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods Two hour written exam worth 80 marks and 33.3% of the A level with questions ranging in length: <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>	
	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology Two hour written exam worth 80 marks and 33.3% of the A level with questions ranging in length: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Section A: extended writing (40 marks)</li><li>• Section B: extended writing (40 marks)</li></ul>	
	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods Two hour written exam worth 80 marks and 33.3% of the A level with questions ranging in length: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing (50 marks)</li><li>• Theory and Methods: extended writing (30 marks)</li></ul>	
Trips/visits	Trips include visits to the Law Courts and Krakow (every 2 years) The new A level course provides students with the exciting opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world around them and reflect on social issues that are often relevant to their own social experiences. Students can acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary social processes and social changes as well as developing strong critical thinking skills. The study of sociology degree can be useful in a variety of careers including policing, research, teaching, social work, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in the service sector.	
Future opportunities/ career		



Person Specification		Sociology
Qualifications/ School record	<b>Required</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B/ 6 in GCSE English</li><li>• 95% attendance in year 11</li><li>• Sociology GCSE is not a requirement to study this option</li><li>• Good attitude to learning.</li></ul>
	Attitude/Qualities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hard working</li><li>• Motivated</li><li>• Enthusiastic</li></ul>
	Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Good writing skills</li><li>• Enjoys analyzing and researching</li><li>• Organised</li></ul>



<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Someone who is keen to study society and has an interest in the way society works and affects you as an individual</li></ul>
<b>Qualifications/ School record</b>	<b>Desirable:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>B or above in GCSE RE</li><li>6 or above in GCSE Citizenship.</li><li>B or above for a Higher Project Qualification.</li></ul>
<b>Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Designing and conducting research</li><li>Happy to work in a group or independently</li><li>Debating and Report writing</li></ul>
<b>Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Participation in research and analysis.</li></ul>