

## Curriculum Overview:

Sociology is the study of societies and looks at how people live, behave and work together in groups. Sociology helps students develop a wide range of knowledge and understanding about society, and how sociologists study and understand its structures, processes and issues. Sociology is exciting, interesting and relevant to students' lives.

In year 10 students will study the first year of the GCSE course in Sociology. They will complete in-depth study of the three following units:

**Studying Society; In this unit students will use methodological approaches to study social structures, Social processes, and Social issues.**

**Education;** the education system, educational achievement in terms of class, gender and ethnicity, range of influences on educational achievement, for example, parental values, peer groups, school ethos, streaming, labelling.

**Families;** Students will define 'family' and explain the presence of diverse forms of the family in Britain today; they will look at relationships between men and women, parent(s) and children. Students will look at functionalist, Marxist and the feminist perspectives. Students will also examine marriage and divorce trends.

## Homework & Assessments Overview:

- Each week students will complete short exam questions and essays for practice.
- They will also be given a homework booklet which they complete throughout the year.

## Useful Websites:

- <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/gcse/specification-4190>
- <http://www.onlineclassroom.tv/sociology>
- <http://www.sociologyexchange.co.uk>
- <http://www.tutor2u.net/>

## Practical tips / activities for parents to support learning at home:

- Developing oral and literacy skills by reading broadsheet newspapers and watching the news regularly.
- Encouraging discussion about different lifestyle choices, family diversity, inequalities in education, government policies.
- Reading and reviewing class work at home after each lesson
- Using ICT creatively and for independent research
- Visit the childhood museum, visit relevant places of sociological interest such as the House of Commons and the House of Lords.