**Sociology**

Sociology is taught at Key Stage 5 only. This course is about how society shapes our ideas and behaviour and in turn how we interact together and shape the society around us. Student study the AQA specification.

At the end of year 12, students take 2 exams:

**AS Unit SCLY1 –Families & Households (40%)**

1 hour exam – 2 essays + other shorter questions

**AS Unit SCLY2 – Education & Methods (60%)**

2 hour exam – 3 essays / questions on sociological methods included

As a guide, the AS-level currently covers the following topics:

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|  | **Education & Methods** | **Families & Households** |
| Sept / Oct | Social class (internal & external factors)  Gender (internal factors) | Types of family  Divorce  Partnerships  Parents and children  Ethnic differences |
| Nov/ Dec | Gender (external factors)  Ethnicity (internal & external factors) | Domestic division of labour  Impact of paid work  Resources and decision making  Domestic violence  Perspectives |
| Jan/Feb | Perspectives (functionalism, Marxism, the New Right) | Childhood  Social policy  Diversity  Demography |
| March/April | Methods | Methods |
| May | Exam prep + exam | Exam prep + exam |
| June | Begin A2 Sociology | Begin A2 Sociology |

During year 13, students take 2 further exams:

A2 unit SCLY3 Mass Media (40% of A2 marks)

1 ½ hour exam – a 9 mark question, a short essay and a substantial essay

A2 Unit SCLY4 – **Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods** (60% of A2 marks)

2 hour exam – variety of styles of question , including minimum 2 substantial essays

As a guide, the A2 currently covers the following topics:

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|  | **Mass Media** | **Crime & Deviance** |
| Sept / Oct | Ownership and control of the mass media  Globalisation  News and current affairs | Introduction to the Criminal Justice System, Functionalism, Sub Cultural Theory, Strain Theory, Marxism, Neo Marxism |
| Nov/ Dec | Mass media effects: models and theories  Representations and stereotypes in the media | Left and Right Realism, Control, Punishment and Victims, Gender, Ethnicity, Age and Social Class |
| Jan/Feb | New media  Exam practice | Globalisation, Green crime, Human Rights and State Crime, Crime and the Media, Suicide |
| March/April | Methods of investigation: applied to crime & deviance and other topics from throughout the course | Theory and Methods – Sociology as a Science, Objectivity and Values in Sociology, Sociology and Social Policy |
| May | Exam prep | Theory and Methods |
| June | exam | exam |