

Sociology

Subject Leader: Mrs. F. McGloin
Exam Board: OCR
A Level

Year 12 Sociology will consist of two components:

- The first component introduces learner to the key themes of socialization, culture and identity and develops these themes through the context of youth subcultures. These options develop skills that enables individuals to focus on their personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society and develop a lifelong interest in social issues.
- The second component explores the methods of sociological enquiry and develops knowledge and understanding of contemporary social processes and social change in the context of social inequity and difference. This component aims to foster the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity in terms of social class, gender, ethnicity and age. It develops links between the nature of sociological thought and methods of sociological enquiry.

Year 13 Sociology will consist of three components:

- The first component introduces students to the key themes of socialization, culture and identity and develops these themes through the context of youth subcultures.
- The second component explores the methods of sociological enquiry and develops knowledge and understanding of contemporary social processes and social change in the context of social inequality and difference.
- The final component engages students in theoretical debates and how these relate to contemporary global society. Contemporary and global debates are introduced through a compulsory topic of 'Globalisation and the digital social world' and a detailed study of Crime and deviance.

Method of Assessment:

At A Level there are three examination papers:

- Component one: Socialisation, Culture and Identity 1.5 hour 30% final grade
- Component two: Researching and understanding social inequalities 2.25 35% final grade
- Component three: Debates in contemporary society 2.25 hours 35% final grade