

A LEVEL

SOCIOLOGY

Course Summary



Bishop Challoner
Catholic School

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Grade 6 in English GCSE and any other Humanities Subject

COURSE OVERVIEW

AQA A-level Sociology explores key areas of society, including education, families, beliefs, and crime. Students study social issues, relationships, and institutions, alongside sociological theories and research methods. The course develops critical thinking, analytical skills, and an understanding of societal structures and changes.

WHY SHOULD I STUDY SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is ideal for those who want to understand how society works and why change happens. It encourages critical thinking, helping students engage with challenging topics and explore the role of institutions and individuals. It's a subject for those interested in questioning and understanding the world around them.

WHAT COURSES CAN THIS PREPARE ME FOR AT UNIVERSITY?

An A-Level in Sociology prepares you for university courses such as Sociology, Criminology, Social Policy, Anthropology, and Psychology, offering a foundation for degrees in social sciences.

WHAT CAREERS CAN THIS SUBJECT SET ME UP FOR?

An A-Level in Sociology can lead to careers in social work, research, public policy, education, and human resources. Roles include social worker, researcher, policy advisor, teacher, and HR specialist.

COURSE SPECIFICATION

EXAM BOARD: AQA

Paper	Content	Duration	Weighting
1	Education with Theory and Methods - 80 marks	120 mins	33.3%
2	Topics in Sociology - 80 marks	120 mins	33.3%
3	Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods - 80 marks	120 mins	33.3%