

# GCSE Sociology



ALSOP HIGH SCHOOL

**AIM:** Sociology is designed to foster in learners an understanding and critical awareness of the social world around you. The course focuses on the importance of social structure in explaining social issues.

In this course you will be encouraged to explore and debate contemporary social issues to enable you to challenge taken-for-granted assumptions and to question your everyday understanding of social phenomena. You will develop your own sociological awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world.

This course will allow you to develop the ability to think sociologically in relation to your experience of the social world around you so that you are able to play a positive, active and informed role in society.

## Where will it take you?

Students who have studied sociology will have a better understanding of why people think or act the way they do, making them ideal for any jobs that involve interacting with members of the public, such as teaching, social work, counselling or policing. The critical thinking, analytical and communication skills students develop will also help those interested in a career in law, business or journalism.

After securing a good GCSE grade in sociology you will have the option to continue with the subject at A-Level. The most obvious higher education path would be to study a degree in sociology but due to the diversity of the subject you are able to choose a vast array of courses, to name just a few: psychology, media studies, criminology, history, geography, social work, English, law, politics and journalism.

## What will you learn?

- Key concepts and processes of cultural transmission
- Families
- Education
- Sociological research methods
- Social differentiation and stratification
- Crime and deviance
- Applied methods of sociological enquiry

## **How will you learn?**

You will learn through a variety of different activities in the classroom with opportunities to carry out research, study theories and studies, work in groups and have exam practice. We deliver a mixture of topic areas that students can relate to and are interested in, and we guide students into developing and expanding their own thoughts and ideas.

## **What skills will you need to be successful in this subject?**

To be successful in GCSE Sociology you will have to demonstrate the willingness to explore and debate contemporary social issues to enable you to challenge taken-for-granted assumptions and to question your everyday understanding of social phenomena.

## **What homework can you expect?**

You will be set weekly Knowledge Organiser homework based on your work in lessons to help you retain knowledge and content throughout your studies. There will also be project-based research and exam question practice.

## **Is this course for me?**

Sociology is an excellent choice for anyone who wishes to further their understanding of the social world around you, and for students who have an interest in social issues.

**For further information please see Miss Williams**