Subject Title: SOCIOLOGY

Type of Qualification: A Level **Examination Board:** AQA

Location: Glenlola Collegiate

Subject Leader: SERC Staff

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 2 B and 3 C GCSE Grades

- Grade C in English
- Grade C in Maths



What will I learn?

AS and A-level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all.

AS and First Year of A Level

Compulsory Content

- Education
- Methods in context
- Research methods

Optional Content

• Families and households

Second Year of A Level

Compulsory Content

- Education
- Methods in context
- Theory and methods
- Crime and deviance with Theory and Methods

Optional Content

- Families and households
- Beliefs in society

What skills will I develop?

Sociology focuses on contemporary society and fosters the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity. It provides an awareness of the importance of social structure and social action in explaining social issues. You will be encouraged to develop your own sociological awareness through active engagement with the contemporary social world. You will:

- Acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary social processes and social changes
- Appreciate the significance of theoretical and conceptual issues in sociological debate
- Understand and evaluate sociological methodology and a range of research methods through active involvement in the research process
- Develop skills that enable you to focus on your personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society
- Develop a lifelong interest in social issues.

In summary, you will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by higher education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research.

Assessment

There are two exams at AS each worth 50% of your AS qualification. Each exam lasts for 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 60 marks. The exams consist of short answer and extended writing questions.

At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 80 marks each. The exams consist of a mixture of short answer and extended writing questions.

Career Progression

Sociology supports careers in social work, nursing, medicine, marketing, advertising, PR, journalism, teaching and law. It can lead on to study at degree level in Sociology, English Studies, Business, Law, Psychology and Teaching.