



# St Paul's Catholic School

## SOCIOLOGY

**Entry Requirements:** Generic A-Level entry requirements.

### **What is Sociology?**

Sociology is the study of people in society. It is an academic subject in which sociologists explore many aspects of social life using a wide variety of theories and research methods. Sociology is a way of trying to understand society and improve aspects of social life.

### **Why study Sociology?**

Sociology has always been interested in the changes that have led to the creation of the modern world and covers a wide range of topics such as education, crime and deviance, religion and families and households. It is a fascinating subject in which the aim of research is to describe social contexts, and comprehend the world in order to change it.

**Specification:** AQA 7192

### **Assessment in Year 13:**

**There are 3 papers (all are 2 hour written exams):**

Paper 1: Education with theory and methods

Paper 2: Family & households/ Beliefs in society and Theory & Methods

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

### **Students who study Sociology will increase in their skills in the following:**

- Essay writing- you will be writing various essays on a frequent basis in which you will be comparing and contrasting sociological views on social issues, interpreting evidence to support the view that you take, making sure that your essay has a good clear rationale.
- Presentation skills – you'll increase in your confidence in doing presentations both in groups and individually feeding back to the rest of the class.
- Independent work- you will increase your ability to work independently, making sure that you remain organised and managing time appropriately in order to meet any given deadlines.

**Work load:** Sociology is very much an essay based course, you need to be interested in the world around you and feel confident in your ability to write a good structured essay/ argument that examines or identifies various social issues.

**For further information, please speak to Miss Jerman.**