

CWS SIXTH FORM COURSE BOOKLET INFORMATION:

SUBJECT: A- Level Sociology

EXAM BOARD: AQA

COURSE DETAILS:

Sociology seeks to understand all aspects of human social behaviour, examining everything from social dynamics of small groups of people to large organisations, communities, institutions and entire societies. Sociologists seek to research and explain the processes which create, sustain, and occasionally fragment and destroy the structures and institutions within our society.

The two year A-Level course provides an introduction to a range of areas of sociological interest, examining the role social institutions play in socialisation, culture, identity, inequality, discrimination, power and stratification. Students will learn how to conduct sociological research, using a variety of methods such as questionnaires, interviews and observations. The course also offers an insight into many current social issues, giving you the chance to explore the contributions of sociology to the real world, in fields such as criminology and education. Students will also learn how to analyse and evaluate sociological studies. During the first year students will focus specifically on the family, education and research methods. During the second year, students will focus specifically on beliefs in society and crime and deviance. Theory and Methods will be considered throughout the course.

EXAMINATION CRITERIA:

For the Sociology A-Level course students will sit three examinations at the end of the second year.

Each paper is 2 hours in length and worth 80 marks. Each paper is worth 33.3% of the final grade:

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology (Families & Beliefs in Society)

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

POTENTIAL JOBS IN THIS FIELD:

Law firms and the criminal justice system.

Local and central government.

Social and market research.

Business, technology and data analysis.

Charitable, counselling and voluntary organisations.

Public relations, journalism and communications.

Public Health, nursing and social work.

Media and marketing.

Teaching and education.

Police and probation services.

Human Resources and administration.

