



# BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM

A mixed Sixth Form in a selective Grammar school for girls

## SOCIOLOGY

QUALIFICATION: A Level

EXAM BOARD: AQA

COURSE LEADER:  
Mrs Connor

### COURSE CONTENT

Sociology is a popular and enjoyable subject to study because students can see it as directly relevant to their lives and as a gateway to many interesting professional careers.

Lessons include a wide range of teaching methods but most popular are the lively debates the subject content can generate!

Sociology aims to uncover how individuals shape society and how society shapes the individual. Within this course students study a wide range of themes.

Students will study two units in Year 12; Families and Households and Education with research methods. We will be discussing a range of issues such as why girls outperform boys at school? Why have divorce rates increased? How do Government policies impact the family and the education system?

Students will study two units at in Year 13: Crime and Deviance with theory and methods and Mass Media. Within Crime and Deviance, students will be asked to consider questions such as: Why do people commit crime? Why do certain groups in society commit more crime than others? How does the media shape people's behaviour? Is social media making us less social?

### PREPARATION FOR STUDYING THIS SUBJECT

- Keeping abreast of contemporary British issues by reading a newspaper regularly or watching the news.
- Documentaries looking at social issues such as poverty, inequality and gender will help students gain a better understanding of the world around them.

### ASSESSMENT

Students will follow the AQA A Level Sociology course

**Paper 1:** Education with Theory and Methods

**Paper 2:** Themes in Sociology: Families and households and Mass Media.

**Paper 3:** Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods.

### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

- Sheffield Hallam University - Occupational
- Therapy
- Sheffield Hallam University - Psychology and Sociology
- Nottingham Trent University- Youth Studies
- Leeds University – Sociology
- Nottingham Trent University – Criminology with Sociology
- University of West London - Criminology, Policing and Forensic Investigation

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Full entry requirements can be found on our website. Please ensure you check these as some courses have subject specific requirements that must be met in addition to the general entry requirements to join our Sixth Form.

*“I like sociology because it is a nice atmosphere to work in and it develops your understanding of the world”*

*“Sociology opened my eyes to what the world is really like”*

*“Sociology adds a new perspective on the world. It opens the minds of young people to the secrets of society”*