

## Social Sciences Sociology GCSE Curriculum Statement

“The purpose of the social sciences is to equip them with the ability to challenge, become critical thinkers through developing awareness and understanding of the wider world in which they live”.

### **GCSE Sociology (AQA)**

GCSE Sociology helps students to gain knowledge and understanding of key social structures, processes, and issues through the study of families, education, crime and deviance and social stratification. Students will develop their analytical, assimilation and communication skills by comparing perspectives on a variety of social issues, constructing reasoned arguments, making substantiated judgements, and drawing reasoned conclusions. By studying sociology, students will develop transferable skills including how to:

- Investigate facts and make deductions
- Develop opinions and new ideas on social issues
- Analyse and better understand the social world

### **AQA GCSE Sociology definition of progress**

This specification requires students to:

- Draw on information and evidence from different sources and demonstrate the ability to synthesise them
- Analyse and evaluate different research methods used in sociological investigations and assess, critically, the appropriateness of their use
- Analyse and evaluate information and evidence presented in different written, visual, and numerical forms
- Apply their understanding to explore and debate the current sociological issues outlined in each of the topic areas
- Use sociological theories and evidence to compare social issues, construct reasoned arguments and debates, make substantiated judgements and draw conclusions
- Draw connections between the different topic areas studied.

### **The GCSE exams will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives:**

- AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts, evidence, and methods.



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- AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of sociological theories, concepts, evidence, and methods.
- AO3: Analyse and evaluate sociological theories, concepts, evidence, and methods to construct arguments, make judgements and draw conclusions.

