

# SOCIOLOGY – A Level



“The function of sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden.”  
*Pierre Bourdieu*

## Overview

Students can acquire the essential knowledge and understanding of central aspects of sociological thought and methods, together with the application of a range of skills. It has also been designed to allow the integration of sociological themes, such as socialisation, culture and identity, and social differentiation, power and stratification. The topic areas have been chosen because of their importance and prominence within the core area and their accessibility to Advanced Level students.

## Year 12

- Introduction to sociology
- Education
- Family
- Research methods
- Sociological theories

## Year 13

- Crime and deviance
- Mass media
- Sociological Theories
- Research methods
- Is sociology a science?

## Assessment method

At the end of Year 12 you will sit end of year exams, these will not count towards your final results.

There are three final written examinations at A level.

## Additional information

In addition to homework you will also be expected to carry out a minimum of 3 hours independent study per fortnight in each subject studied during which you are expected to carry out independent research and wider reading.

You will need to have an internet enabled device for research.

You are expected to have access to a copy of Napier press AQA A level Sociology Book one by Rob Webb, Hal Westergaard, Keith Trobe, Annie Townend.

## Entry requirements

Five GCSE Grade 5 to 9.  
Students require a GCSE Grade 6 in English and a humanities subject.

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## Futures

Business, public relations and human resources, social services, public administration, counselling, protective social services (criminal justice related fields), law, education, and medicine are available with further study at degree level.

## Exam board

