Sixth Form Subject Information

Sociology



Qualification	A-LEVEL	
Exam Board	AQA	
Course Leader	Mrs H Mainprize	
Course summary	An exploration of the theories surrounding the way society functions and the ways in which different social groups work together, or not. A subject which develops critical thinking, social perspective along with analytical and evaluative writing skills. It is a 'living subject' so all theory is applied to contemporary society to see what the perspectives look like in real life.	
What will students learn?	Yr 12 content	Unit 1= Families and Households with theory and methods Unit 2= Education with research methods in context
	Yr 13 content	Unit 3= Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods Unit 4 = Media
How will students be assessed?	All assessment is done through end of year exams. The A level has three 2 hour exams. These exams are equally weighted. Class assessment is through verbal questioning, group activities, research projects and exam style questions, building from individual paragraphs up to full, timed, exam style, essay writing.	
Differentiation	Students will have time each week to work on classwork and assessments according to individual needs and stages of attainment. Extension tasks and reading material from journals are available for very able students to expand their subject knowledge. This is an extra opportunity for support if students have areas of weakness. After school support is also available to discuss progress and support student needs.	
Resources	A level students have access to a specification relevant textbook, and for some topics, a revision booklet. www.aqa.org.uk	