

# SOCIOLOGY

## A Level

### Why Study This Course?

- You are open minded and willing to look at familiar things in different ways
- You have an interest in current affairs and the society around you
- You enjoy discussions, debates and have an enquiring minds
- You are a good communicator who enjoys both verbal and written communication in the form of essay writing.
- You want to develop core academic skills such as evaluation and argument.



### Career Progression

- Any career which centres on people - e.g. education, medical care and social work.
- Careers which require a logical mind and a keen critical or evaluative ability such as journalism, law and politics.
- Pathways which require critical thinking with the ability and confidence to voice opinions and challenge the assumptions of others.
- We hope to produce people who will make lots of noise and change the world!

### What You'll Study

#### Year 1:

You'll learn about different sociological theories and how they believe society works. You will also look in detail at certain areas of society and investigate issues such as:

- Why does your ethnicity affect your relationship with the police?
- Why do some students perform better in education than others?
- What makes someone commit a crime?
- Why do women still do more housework and childcare than men?
- Is it acceptable to do research on people without telling them?
- Why have we had an increase in New Age beliefs and religion?

The units are split across three papers which will be studied over two years and assessed by external exams at the end of A2.

- Paper 1: Education and Methods in Context
- Paper 2: Families and Households and Research Methods

#### Year 2:

- Paper 1: Education, Methods in Context and Theory and Methods
- Paper 2: Media
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance plus Theory and Methods

## Why Study Sociology at PWSFC?

### Why I chose Sociology

"I personally picked Sociology because of how fitting and contemporary the subject is in terms of applying key concepts to society today. Sociology also goes well with my other subjects and is helpful as a starting point in a law career later. I enjoy learning and applying reasons to problems in real life and find it interesting and eye opening looking at things we often disregard. In education, we learnt about real life and how different factors limit certain children and their academic achievement. The subject is relevant and enjoyable and what we learn about relates to lots of things - including politics, cases in crime - we discuss these in lessons and multiple theoretical perspectives on this!"

- Kainat

"I chose Sociology because I'm interested in understanding how societies work, how people interact within them, and how social structures influence behaviour. Sociology offers insights into various social issues, inequalities, and cultural norms, which can help see the world from different perspectives. I enjoy Sociology because it's a fascinating field that allow you to explore human behaviour in the context of society and make connections between individuals and a larger social system."

- Jasmine

"I chose Sociology because I heard it was an interesting subject and I wanted to do something new. So far it has lived up to my expectations as I have enjoyed it a lot! Personally, I enjoy learning about different aspects of society and how different theories work to try and explain how society works and how to improve it."

- Reed

"I picked the subject as I thought it would be quite intricate as it closely ties in with Criminology and Psychology, which is something I enjoy learning by myself"

- Zizu

### Why Parrs Wood?

- Students have the opportunity to hear from Senior Sociology Lecturer, Dr Brahic
- Working with local universities to have topical taster days.
- Potential visit to the Magistrates Courts to see the process of the Criminal Justice System.
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### If you like this subject you may also like:

Psychology, Health and Social Care, Philosophy and Ethics, Religious Studies, Law

**Exam Board: AQA**

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