

St Francis of Assisi  
Catholic College  
Sixth Form Open Evening  
**Sociology**



# What is Sociology?

- ▶ Sociology is primarily the study of social structures.
- ▶ It looks at institutions such as the education system, the criminal justice system, and the mass media.
- ▶ Sociologists have developed numerous theories about how people are organised within these structures.
- ▶ For example feminism and Marxism



FAMILY



EDUCATION



RELIGION



ECONOMICS



GOVERNMENT



# Subject Content

Topics	
<b>Paper 1 (40%)</b> 2 hours 30	<u>Section A: Culture and Identity</u> <u>Section B: Families and Households</u> <u>Section C: Education</u>
	<u>Research Methods</u>
<b>Paper 2 (20%)</b> 1 hour 45	
<b>Paper 3 (40%)</b> 2 hours 30	<u>Section A: Power and Inequality</u> <u>Section B: Crime and Deviance</u>



# Subject Content: Culture and Identity



**How do we learn our culture?**

**Why are some cultures different to ours?**

**How do we learn what it means to be a woman?**



**How do we know what social class we belong too?**

**How does peer pressure affect our identity?**

**How does our ethnicity affect our identity?**

# Subject Content: Education



**Why do working class students consistently underperform in school?**

**Why do Chinese and Indian students perform so well in school?**

**Why do we go to school? Is it for our career or so we can be controlled?**



**Do teachers negatively label students?**

**Is the current education working?**

**Should we abolish private schools?**

# Subject Content: Families

**Why do we live in families?**

**Is it natural that women should stay at home and look after the children?**

**Are single parent families bad for society?**



**Why aren't we having as many children?**

**Are women exploited in the family?**

**How does the family unit benefit the rich?**



# Subject Content: Research Methods

**How do we study society?**

**Is it best to use interviews to find out about society?**

**Are undercover observations ethical?**



**What do statistics tell us about society?**

**How would you research the family?**

**Is it better to use questionnaires or interviews when trying to find out about crime?**



# Subject Content: Inequality

**Why do some have more wealth and opportunities than others?**

**Is this their fault or the fault of society?**

**Why do working class people die on average 7 years earlier?**



**Why does racism exist?**



**Are women exploited in society?**

**How do young/old people face inequality within society?**



# Subject Content: Crime and Deviance

**Why do individuals commit crime?**

**Is this their fault or the fault of society?**

**Why do men commit so much more crime than women?**



**Why do black people get longer prison sentences for the same crime?**



**Why is the average age of offending 17?**

**How do we tackle crime in society?**

# Entry Requirements

- Entrance into Sixth Form is based upon achieving an average points score of **4.5 in five subjects**.
- This subject involves **a lot** of writing!
- If you have a GCSE in Sociology you would also need a grade 5 or above to take the subject.
- You do not need a GCSE in sociology to take the A level. If you do have one and are keen to continue it, it will have some similar topics, keywords, theories and methods, however, you will be studying it more depth and develop an understanding of a bigger range of sociologists.



# A Level Examination Results

2024	2023
A*-E 100%	A*-E 100%
A*- B 77%	A*- B 31%
A*-C 94%	A*-C 61%



# Course outline



- ▶ 6 lessons per week
- ▶ Some lessons are likely to be double periods



# Expectations

## Pupil:

- ▶ Classwork and independent study are to be completed to a high standard and handed in on the agreed date.
- ▶ All pupils must make a conscious effort to contribute to class discussion.
- ▶ You need to spend 4 hours per week undertaking independent study. A large percentage of this will be reading theory.



# University Opportunities

- ▶ Students that study Sociology at A Level very often go on to study at university.
- ▶ Some students choose to focus their degree just on sociology, whilst others combine sociology with additional areas they find interesting.
- ▶ For example; Sociology and Psychology, Sociology and Criminology, Sociology and Philosophy.
- ▶ Popular university destinations for our students:



Politics

Social Work

Journalism

Teaching

Law

Sociology  
Careers

Policing

HR

Advertising

Social Researcher

Youth worker

Probation Officer

Civil Service



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