

# A Level Sociology

## Overview

This program involves students developing their knowledge and understanding of the complexity and diversity of human societies. The study of sociology stimulates awareness of contemporary social, cultural and political issues, and focuses on the importance of examining these issues in a rigorous, reasoned and analytical way. In collaboration with a mentor, students will investigate the change and continuity of societies, fostering a deeper appreciation of the relationship between sociological findings and daily life. Key to this program is that students will investigate case studies and sociological research. This will allow students to analyse human behaviour within society, between cultures and across periods, enhancing their critical thinking and evaluative skills.

## Objectives

- Develop knowledge and understanding of sociological concepts, theories, methods, and research findings, as well as sociological principles, perspectives, and applications
- Understand the relationship between sociological findings and everyday life
- Appreciate and understand individual, social and cultural diversity, and of continuity and change in social life
- Develop an understanding of sociological research methods

## Structure

- Reflect on current knowledge of the range of topics that Sociology covers and identify strengths and weaknesses
  - Develop a personalised curriculum
- Explore aspects of social relationships, processes, and structures
  - Role of continuity and change in social life
- Case study analysis
  - Focus on key topics such as equality, education, family and crime
  - Gain an appreciation of individual, social and cultural diversity
  - Critically approach sociological information and evidence
- Develop data analysis skills
  - Question reliability and validity of data
  - Improve evaluative thinking
- Exam practice
  - Past papers
  - Planning and structuring responses
  - Data analysis and synthesis of information

