

SOCIOLOGY

Exam board	AQA
Entry requirements	Students are required to have achieved a B grade or above in a GCSE humanities subject and a C grade or above in GCSE English.
Units of study and topics covered	Paper 1: Education, Methods in Context and Theory and Methods. Paper 2: Work, Poverty and Welfare and The Media Paper 3: Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods.
Forms of assessment used	The course is 100% exam based. The three papers include questions ranging from short answer questions to essay questions.
Key skills for success	The course will require students to complete extended reading and have an interest and awareness of current affairs.
Expectations	Students should have a keen interest in the world around them and have an inquiring mind. They should be able to bring to lessons, an awareness of news worthy items that can be related to the course and suggest ways in which specific sociological theories can be applied to existing rules and regulations in society. Students will be expected to debate explanations of anti-social behaviour and prepare and deliver presentations on a given topic.
Good subject combinations	Psychology, History, RE, English Literature/Language and Health and Social care are complimentary to this subject.
Potential pathways post sixth form:	Most Sociology students successfully progress onto degree courses in Law, Criminology, International Relations, Politics, Sociology, Social Policy, Business/Management or Teaching. Sociology students not choosing University have tended to enter management trainee career paths. Sociology is a useful subject offering a range of transferable skills valued by employers.
Where students can find out more	Contact the Subject Leader for Sociology on Haseena.Manji@thomasdeaconacademy.com Information on the specification can be found at www.aqa.org.uk