

# Sociology Intent



**Inspiring confident global citizens with a wealth of knowledge, understanding and opportunities to shape their own futures, that of their communities and the wider world.**

A department which works together to empower students to open their eyes to the sociological world and explore challenging ideas in a safe environment, encouraging within them excellent academic progress and personal growth. In sociology students study a range of sociological theories and then apply them to a range of important issues such as power relationships both in the family and in the wider world. We evaluate the interconnectedness and interdependence between societies in our modern world. We work to create a safe environment where students are allowed to develop their values and discuss preconceived ideas in a non-judgement way. This is achieved through the study of both education and crime and deviance with relation to class, gender and ethnicity. We encourage students not to accept facts at face value but develop the skills to analyse and evaluate all aspects of themselves and society. Through the study and personal implementation of research methods, we seek to develop an inquisitive mind that can reflect on issues that both unite and divide our world.

Confident Learners	Confident Communicators	Confident Future Citizens
<p>To create <b>confident learners</b>, the Sociology curriculum is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Challenging and ambitious</li> <li>• Sequenced to build on prior knowledge</li> <li>• Resourced with high quality materials</li> <li>• Includes a range of sociological perspectives</li> </ul>	<p>To create <b>confident communicators</b>, the Sociology curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage debate</li> <li>• Value the opinions of others</li> <li>• Consider and respect the opinions of others' even if they are polar opposites of your own.</li> </ul>	<p>To create <b>confident future citizens</b>, the Sociology curriculum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotes global citizenship</li> <li>• Challenges stereotypes</li> <li>• Real world links</li> <li>• Enables positive change due to a thorough understanding of policy making decisions.</li> </ul>
<p>The Sociology curriculum provides <b>opportunities for all</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be independent learners</li> <li>• Take ownership of their own learning</li> <li>• Challenge their own views</li> <li>• Opportunities to explore potential careers for all</li> </ul>	<p>The Sociology curriculum provides <b>opportunities for all</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Express their own opinions</li> <li>• Ask and challenge the views of others'</li> <li>• Appreciate and respect the views of others'</li> <li>• Articulate their own opinions with justification</li> </ul>	<p>The Sociology curriculum provides <b>opportunities for all</b> to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop diplomacy skills</li> <li>• Develop skills of leadership</li> <li>• Investigate career opportunities</li> </ul>

## The Key Concepts running through Sociology

An understanding of a variety of perspectives on the social world and their influence on social policy including functionalism, Marxism, feminism, interpretivism, and modernity and post modernity. Understanding the importance and relevance of social class, ethnicity and gender on people's life chances. Understanding the interdependence and interconnectedness of societies and the impact of migration on today's societies.