

# **Sociology A Level - Course outline**

**In Year 12, you will study the following topics:**

## **Education and research methods**

**In this topic you will look at:**

**Education:**

- Sociological theories: Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, New Right, postmodernism, labelling
- The role of education and processes within schools
- The history of education
- Educational policies
- Different educational organisations
- Differential educational achievement (gender, age, social class)
- Globalisation and education

**Research methods:**

- Different types of research methods
- Different types of data (quantitative/qualitative/primary/secondary)
- Designing research
- Factors affecting research
- Methodological approaches: positivism, interpretivism

## **Families and Households**

**In this topic you will look at:**

- Sociological theories: Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, New Right
- Demographic changes: Birth, Death and Migration patterns
- Conjugal roles: are men and women more equal in families nowadays?
- Current trends: lone parents, cohabitation, divorce and marriage
- Family diversity: how much diversity do we have in Britain
- Childhood: Do all children have the same experiences of childhood?
- Domestic violence and abuse
- Social policy

**In Year 13, you will study the following topics:**

### **Beliefs in Society:**

- Sociological theories of religion
- The growth of ideologies and science
- Religious Participation - which groups are the most religious
- Religious Organisations and new religious movements
- Secularisation - is religion declining?
- Globalisation

### **Crime and Deviance**

- Definitions of crime and deviance
- Theories of crime
- Official Statistics
- Gender and Crime
- Ethnicity and Crime
- Globalisation and Crime
- Media and Crime
- Green Crime
- Human rights and state crime
- Crime control

### **Sociological theories**

- Research methods
- Marxism
- Functionalism
- Interactionism
- Postmodernism
- Social policy
- Globalisation
- Sociology as a Science