

## FUTURE PROSPECTS

### What can I do with a Sociology qualification?

Sociology is a subject valued as an entry qualification for higher education and future careers.

Sociology students are particularly in demand in 'people centred occupations'.

Sociology students go on to a wide range of careers including: media research, the police, teaching, social and welfare work, personnel work, the civil service and local government policy making, advertising, nursing, medicine and market research.

**Sociology students are highly prized for their skills in debate and critical analysis which the subject allows them to develop.**

In fact, a recent report by the campaign for social sciences, reported by the BBC, found that sociology graduates are more likely to be in employment 3.5 years after graduation than other graduates. Also, higher proportions are in managerial positions than any other subject graduate at the same point in time.

*"Lessons are Challenging but fun – you are treated like an adult and you are always able to get help when you need it"*

*"The sociology teachers at Polesworth care about your future success. They push you hard to achieve your best"*

## Exam Results

Every year Sociology students at the Polesworth School achieve excellent results.

The department's results are well above national averages for the subject and reflect the hard work and commitment of both students and teachers.

### 2019 A-Level Results

47% A\*-A (national average = 19%)

82% A\*-B (national average = 48%)

97% A\*-C (national average = 77%)

100% A\*-E (national average = 98%)

Furthermore, 94% of students achieved in line with their target grade whilst 76% of students exceeded this target

**We have a tradition of success.**

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# SOCIOLOGY

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# What is sociology?

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Everyone is part of society. Society has helped shape who you are and how you experience life - but how much do you really understand about it? Have you ever really questioned the world around you?

- ❖ What causes high crime rates in our inner cities?
- ❖ Why did the London riots happen?
- ❖ Why do boys underachieve in school?
- ❖ How has government policy shaped your education?
- ❖ What are the effects of divorce on children?
- ❖ Does society exist to benefit us, or just to serve the wealth ruling classes?
- ❖ Is the nuclear family still the norm?
- ❖ Are we really less religious than we used to be?
- ❖ Stopping and searching ethnic minorities - is this institutional racism, or just effective policing?
- ❖ Does society guide our behavior or do we have free will?

These are just a handful of the questions you will consider throughout your studies



## Why do we need Sociology to answer these questions?

These questions are amongst today's great debates. They are the subject of countless views and opinions but most of these are ill informed or prejudiced, expressed simply from personal experience with little evidence to back them up.

This is where Sociology comes in-

**Sociology is the study of people in society.**

By learning how society works, you will start to see the world around you in a new way.

By studying Sociology you will be putting your life into context.

# What else do I need to know?

## Course Structure

- There is no coursework.
- You will sit three exams at the end of the A-Level course.
- Each section of the course has pre-prepared resources for you to use.
- You will receive constant personalized feedback on your performance with the opportunity to set and monitor your targets
- This means that you are given the best chance to achieve to your full potential.

## What are the entry requirements?

- You do not need to have studied GCSE Sociology. If you have, a C is required.
- You do need good written English, so if GCSE sociology wasn't taken, a C/5 in an essay based subject such as English Literature or History is required.
- You do need to be interested in current affairs and the world around you.
- You do need to be willing to take part in discussions, presentations and debates