# Sociology A Level

**Subject Leader: Dr Jelpke**

**Syllabus: AQA**

**Course Specification: 7191/7192**

**Course Overview**
Why do some people succeed at school while others struggle? Why are some groups treated differently by the media, the police and employers? Is crime really committed by "bad people", or caused by something bigger? A-level Sociology gives you the tools to answer these questions with evidence rather than opinion.

Over two years you will study education, families and households, beliefs in society, and crime and deviance, alongside the research methods sociologists use to investigate them. You will examine how social class, gender, and ethnicity shape life chances, and weigh up rival theories such as Marxism, feminism, functionalism and interactionism.

You will learn to build arguments, judge evidence, and write with clarity and confidence. These skills set you up perfectly for university, and are valued in law, teaching, social work, journalism, policing, politics, marketing, and the public sector.

If you enjoy debate, curiosity, and questioning the world around you, this is the subject for you.

**Course Requirements**
5 GCSE's grades 9 – 5 including Maths at grade 5 and graded 6 in English or History.

**Year 1**
- Education
- Education in the context of research methods
- Families and Households

**Year 2**
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods
- Beliefs in Society

**Assessment Information**
Students are assessed with a variety of familiar question types, including short answer and extended writing/ essays, which target knowledge and understanding; application and analysis; and evaluation. Students' understanding of research methods, gained through classroom experience of practical Sociology, will be assessed using the familiar methods in context format.

External assessment is at the end of the 2-year course in the following papers:

Paper 1 Education with Theory and Methods
Paper 2 Topics in Sociology
Paper 3 Crime and deviance with Theory and Methods

**Teaching and Learning Styles**
Lessons are discussion-led and varied. You'll debate contested issues related to power and inequality, analyse real research and statistics, and apply theories to scenarios and current events. Expect regular exam-style essay writing practice with detailed feedback, frequent quizzes to secure your knowledge, and independent reading and research tasks.

