

# **SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL (OCR** – to be confirmed)



Sociology gives a strong academic basis for a large number of university courses. It provides students with the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world around them and reflect on social issues that are often relevant to their own social experiences. It opens up the possibility for fascinating discussions, for example 'what impact do digital forms of communication have on social relations?', 'how do sociologists investigate inequality in society?' and 'what are the patterns and trends of religion in relation to social class?'

#### What will you learn?

A level Sociology consists of three main areas:

- 1. Introducing socialisation, culture and identity.
  - These themes are developed through the context of one of three options:
    - Families and relationships
    - Youth subcultures
    - Media
- 2. Research methods and researching social inequalities and understanding social inequalities.
- 3. Globalisation and the digital social world.

Debates are explored through a detailed study of one of three options:

- Crime and deviance
- Education
- Religion, belief and faith

#### How will you be assessed?

A level Sociology is 100% examination, with three exams at the end of the 2nd year ranging from 90 minutes to 135 minutes.

## Where will it take you?

An A Level in Sociology can lead to university studies, as well as developing a range of skills and attributes. Studying Sociology develops strong critical thinking skills and makes you consider important issues with a global outlook. Crucially, it also improves your ability to analyse and formulate clear, logical arguments – skills that are particularly useful across a range of different University subjects.

## Who to talk to?

Please speak to Ms Nikita Crawford, or email her on nikita.crawford@thebourneacademy.com

## What will you need to study this course?

Students will need to have five or more A\*-C (9-4) grades at GCSE, including a grade 6 or above in English.