

Subject: Sociology

Rationale: At Cardinal Wiseman students who take Sociology will study society and what external factors shape the world today. Students will learn to question the inequalities which exist today such as gender inequality, educational inequality and what role and impact social class has on an individual and the choices that they make.

Our A Level in Sociology aims to inspire students to reflect upon the world we live in, fostering an understanding of the inter-relationships between individuals, groups, institutions and societies. It enables students to develop critical thinking and appreciate theoretical and conceptual issues. Sociology provides students with the exciting 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 fascinating discussions, for example 'nature versus nurture?', 'how do sociologists investigate inequality in society?' and 'what is the purpose of education' Students acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of contemporary society and social changes. They have the opportunity to develop a broad set of desirable key skills, including the ability to analyse and formulate clear, logical arguments, with scope for extensive evaluation from a range of theoretical perspectives.

They develop strong critical thinking skills and are able to consider issues with a global outlook. This will be of huge benefit to students moving forward, whether this is in further education, the workplace or society in general. The course content has been designed to inspire, nurture and develop learners. Popular topics such as identity, families and households and crime and deviance have been selected by the Cardinal Wiseman Social Sciences Department.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Year 12	Families and Households	Education Research Methods	Research Methods Crime and Deviance
Year 13	Crime and Deviance	Beliefs in Society Theory and Methods	Revision