



NORTHGATE
High School

Sociology Department Information



The Social Science Department is responsible for the teaching of Sociology and Politics. The department has an interactive, supportive, collaborative approach to teaching and learning, focussing on studying contemporary social issues through sociological theories and methods. We are seeking a colleague with the ability to contribute to this ethos and build on the existing good practice.

At Northgate, Sociology is a very popular subject at both GCSE and A Level. Our students find it an enjoyable, relevant and stimulating subject, as witnessed by the excellent take-up at both Key Stage 4 and in the Sixth Form. A significant number of students who go on to study Sociology or Sociology-related degrees at university.

We teach the AQA GCSE Sociology specification. During Year 10 we cover the Families and Education topics, whilst in Year 11 we teach Crime and Deviance and Social Stratification. Our students achieve excellent GCSE exam results, with 81% achieving a Grade 4 and above, and 37% achieving a Grade 7-9 in 2022.

We teach the AQA A Level Sociology specification. During Year 12 we cover Families and Households, Education and Research Methods, whilst in Year 13 we teach Beliefs in Society, Crime and Deviance and Sociological Theories and Methods. Our students achieve impressive A Level exam results, with 74% achieving a Grade A*-C, and 44% achieving a Grade A*-B in 2022.

Lessons take place in dedicated subject-specific classrooms with excellent ICT provision. We have access to electronic copies of GCSE and A Level Sociology textbooks and have a departmental subscription to Sociology Review. We have access to ICT suites, laptop banks and our online learning platform, which we regularly use to upload, share, and supplement student resources and develop independent study skills.