



# SWANMORE COLLEGE

## Sociology

### Course content:

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Sociology has 2 different exam papers. These are both exams taken at the end of Year 11. Paper 1 focuses on the understand social processes. Paper 2 focuses on understanding social structures.

Through the study of families, education, crime and deviance, stratification and sociological research methods, new perspectives of social interaction and the world we live in will be revealed!

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#### Paper 1: Understanding social processes (1 hour and 45-minute exam) 50%

##### Section A: Cultural transmission

- Key sociological concepts
- Debates over acquisition of identity
- Process of socialisation

##### Section B: Families

- Family diversity
- Social changes and family structures
- Social changes and family relationships
- Sociological theories and the role of the family
- Criticisms of the family

##### Section C: Education

- Sociological theories and the role of education
- Processes inside schools
- Patterns of educational achievement
- Factors affecting educational achievement

##### Section D: Sociological research methods

- Usefulness of different types of data
- Methods of research
  - Sampling processes
- Practical issues affecting research
- Ethical issues affecting research

#### Paper 2: Understanding social structures (1 hour and 45-minute exam) 50%

##### Section A: Social stratification

- Sociological theories of stratification
- Different forms and source of power and authority
- Equality/inequality in relation to class, gender, ethnicity, age, disability and sexuality
- Factors which may influence access to life chances and power
- Poverty as a social issue

##### Section B: Crime and deviance

- Social construction of concepts of crime and deviance
- Social control
- Patterns of criminal and deviant behaviour
- Sociological theories and explanations of deviant and criminal behaviour

##### Section C: Applied methods of sociological research

- The process of research design
- Interpreting data

## Revision resources:

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- All Sociology: <https://www.youtube.com/@allsociology>



- Only Sociology: <https://onlysociology.com/revision/>



- Exam practice: Embedded into lesson time.
  - Lessons: If students miss lessons, all lessons are uploaded for catch up on Google Drive.
  - Revision clocks: Completed regularly at the end of each unit of study.
  - After school revision: Every other Wednesday in S02.
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