# Welcome to A Level Sociology at CCHS

## Sociology A Level at Cannock Chase High

#### A Level (two year course)

- > Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods
- >Written two hour exam
- >Paper 2: Topics within Sociology: Families and Households and Beliefs in Society
- >Written two hour exam
- > Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
- >Written two hour exam

#### Year 1 - Education

- >Role and function of education Theories Functionalism, New Right Marxism, Feminism, Social Action
- ➤ Educational policies Have they created equality for all? comprehensive system, private schools, grammar schools, marketisation, free schools, parentocracy, New Labour policies, Current Conservative government
- >Achievement of social groups- internal and external factors class, gender and ethnicity. Why do girls outperform boys?
- School processes and impact on achievement of social groups labelling, self fulfilling prophecy, setting and streaming, sub cultures, hidden curriculum

#### Year 1 - Families and Households

- >Theories of the family what is the role of the family? Is it a positive or negative institution?
- >Couples are the roles shared equally?
- > Childhood how childhood is socially constructed
- Changing family patterns marriage, divorce, cohabitation how do these changes affect the family?
- Family diversity different family types and whether this is good or bad for society
- > Demographic changes patterns in births, deaths and fertility rates, migration patterns, sociological explanations of these
- Family and social policy policies that affect the family, both direct and indirect, sociological explanations of these

# Year 2 -Beliefs in Society

- Theories of religion does religion cause conflict?
- · Religion and social change Martin Luther King
- Secularisation how religion is becoming less significant in people's lives
- Religion, renewal and choice individuals can pick and choose different religions that suit their own identity
- Religion in a global context the impact of globalisation on religion e.g. the rise in Fundamentalism
- Organisations, movements and members sects, cults and new religious movements e.g. Scientology
- · Ideology and science science vs religion

#### Year 2 - Crime and Deviance

- Functionalism, strain and subcultural theories how crime is functional for society, why people individuals join criminal gangs
- Interactionism and labelling theory how crime is socially constructed. The impact of being labelled by the police
- · Class, power and crime crimes of the powerful
- Realist theories of crime solutions to crime and its influence on government policies
- Gender, crime and justice why men commit more crime than women
- Ethnicity, crime and justice why ethnic minorities are more likely to be stopped and searched by the police
- Crime and the media how the media exaggerates certain crimes and demonises individuals
- Globalisation, green crime, human rights and state crime cyber crimes
- Crime prevention, punishment, control and victims different types of punishment, who is more likely to be a victim of crime

## Year 1 and 2 Theory and Methods

- · Quantitative and qualitative methods; research design
- Questionnaires, interviews, participant and nonparticipant observation, experiments, documents, official statistics (
- Primary and secondary data; qualitative and quantitative data.
- · Positivism, interpretivism; 'social facts'.
- · Consensus, structural and social action theories
- Modernity, post-modernity and sociological theory.
- Science and sociology
- Relationship between theory and methods
- Values and objectivity
- Sociology and social policy

# Why study Sociology at CCHS and join the Social Learning Community

An exciting, engaging subject

Excellent results

Specialist Sociology teacher (Miss Atkins)

# Sociology A Level Results 2022

- 100% A- E
- 40% A-B
- 60% A-C

## What we expect from you

- · Engagement and effort in every lesson.
- Attend and be punctual to 100% of lessons.
- •Be well organised, keep an a4 lever arch file with your notes from lessons.
- Be enthusiastic about learning about the world around you and the society you live in.
- ·Good literacy and written skills.

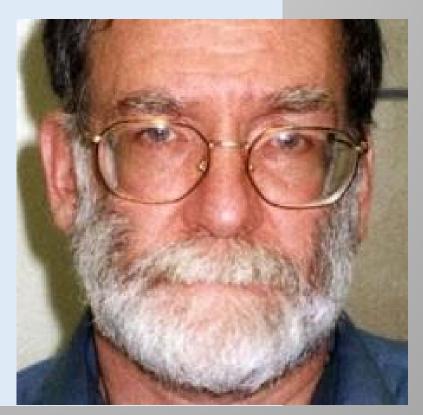
## What you can expect from us?

- Lessons that are well-planned and interesting.
- Appropriate lesson resources, including material to extend your knowledge and understanding.
- Support with assessments.
- Assessments that are marked to a high standard with clear feedback on how to improve.

### Example task - Serial Killers

Write down which 5 groups of people are the most common victim for serial killers in the UK...

- · Children
- Elderly people
- Prostitutes
- · Young runaways
- Homosexual people



# Who is a typical criminal?

#### Dorothea Puente



#### Serial killer



- This is Dorothea Puente.
- One of America's most prolific serial killers
- Killed residents in her retirement home by poisoning them and claimed their pensions.
- She was discovered when in a particularly hot summer a neighbour complained about the smell coming from her property.
- Several bodies were found in shallow graves, another in the freezer.
- She was convicted for 7 murders but it is suspected she killed far more.
- Dorothea spent the rest of her life in prison - publishing a recipe book called "Cooking with a serial killer" from jail.
- She never showed any remorse.

# Sociology jobs...

- Social Researcher
- Counsellor
- Community Development Worker
- Police (both officers and police support)
- Advice Worker
- Social Worker
- Probation Worker
- Lecturer
- Charity Fundraiser
- Primary School Teacher
- Secondary School Teacher
- Youth Worker
- Human Resources Work
- Housing Manager
- Public Administration
- Prison Governor
- And many other graduate careers where a non subject specific degree is needed

