



Norbury Manor Business & Enterprise College *for Girls*



Curriculum Detail: Sociology

In Year 10, students are given an overview of research methods and the basics of sociology. Different types of evidence are examined along with different means for testing. Students learn about the skills necessary for the evaluation and assessment of research findings and, by analysing extracts from two investigations, develop their own analytical skills. Through examining culture, socialisation and identity, students examine how society functions, how individuals are socialised and how societal norms and values function. Students are encouraged to consider how our gender identities are shaped and how social control helps to maintain and reinforce these identities. Gender stereotypes are examined along with the meaning of concepts such as femininity and masculinity.

In Year 11, students are given an overview of the family unit and different family types and are taught how to apply sociological research techniques. They are asked to consider how youth is defined and what constitutes youth subculture; they look at gangs and the peer group as an agent of social control. The mass media and the relationship between media and audience is explored along with identity.