

## Sociology & Politics at High Storrs School



### Staffing

The Sociology and Politics team currently consists of two full-time teachers, and currently one part-time teacher. All are able to teach at KS4 and KS5.

### Courses:

- **Sociology** is offered at A level and GCSE. We follow the **AQA** specification for each. For September 2019 we expect to have 3 A level groups in Y12 and 3 in Y13. We teach either Family (usually) or Culture and Identity for Paper 2, along with Media. At GCSE we have one group which will be a mix of Y11 and Y10 pupils – this is a one-year GCSE taught across 5 hours per week.
- **Politics** is offered at A level. We follow the **Edexcel** specification, with the Global Politics option (**not** American politics) in Y13. For September 2019 we expect to have 2 groups in Y13 and 2 groups in Y12. This is an increasingly popular option at this school.

### Results

These are always good to outstanding. In 2017 the ALPS scores were 2(Outstanding) for Sociology and 3(Excellent) for Politics. Our GCSE results regularly meet or exceed the overall school performance in GCSE.

### Teaching

Where possible all groups are shared between two teachers – offering teachers a chance to specialise in topics, and allowing pupils the benefit of different teachers' expertise and skills. On occasion groups are taught by one teacher only so all teachers in the team must be prepared to deliver a complete specification in a subject. The current team can teach every topic in every course.