



# Walderslade Girls' School

## GCSE Sociology Grade Descriptors

9	To achieve grade 9, students' evidence will show that they have securely met all the statements within the grade 8 descriptor, with stronger performance in most or all aspects of the grade 8 statements
8	To achieve grade 8, candidates will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate relevant and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of a wide range of sociological theories and concepts, different sociological perspectives, evidence and research methods</li><li>• Apply relevant sociological theories and concepts accurately to UK and some global contexts using appropriate subject specific terminology</li><li>• Critically analyse and evaluate theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to present arguments, create substantiated judgements and well evidenced conclusions</li></ul>
7	To achieve grade 7, students' evidence will show that they have securely met all the statements within the grade 6 descriptor, with stronger performance in most or all aspects of the grade 6 statements. However, their evidence does not meet the minimum requirements of most of the grade 8 statements.
6	To achieve grade 6, candidates will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate broad, accurate knowledge and understanding of a range of sociological theories and concepts, different sociological perspectives, evidence and research methods</li><li>• Apply appropriate sociological theories and concepts to UK and some global contexts using appropriate subject specific terminology</li><li>• Analyse and evaluate theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to create clear judgements and conclusions using relevant evidence</li></ul>
5	To achieve grade 5, candidates will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Demonstrate mostly accurate and appropriate knowledge and understanding of a range of sociological theories and concepts, different sociological perspectives, evidence and research methods</li><li>• Apply mostly appropriate sociological theories and concepts to UK and some global contexts using some subject specific terminology</li><li>• Analyse and evaluate some theories, concepts, evidence and research methods to create plausible judgements and conclusions with some evidence.</li></ul>

4	<p>To achieve grade 4, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate some accurate, appropriate knowledge and understanding of a limited range of sociological theories and some concepts, perspectives, evidence and research methods</li> <li>• Apply some appropriate sociological theories and concepts to the UK using limited subject specific terminology</li> <li>• Evaluate some information to create partial conclusions and judgements</li> </ul>
3	<p>Characteristics that differentiate a grade 3 from a grade 4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusions will not be supported by the evidence</li> <li>• Application of theories may be less detailed and will have fewer sociological concepts.</li> </ul>
2	<p>To achieve grade 2, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of some sociological theories and concepts, different perspectives, evidence and research methods</li> <li>• Apply in a limited way basic theories, concepts and evidence</li> <li>• Describe, and make generalised simple arguments and judgements</li> </ul>
1	<p>To achieve a grade 1, students' evidence will show that they have demonstrated engagement with sufficient content, achieved some credit across elements of the specification content and achieved credit in some assessment objectives. Where the evidence for a student does not support this, the student should be graded unclassified (U).</p>