

Sociology

A level Sociology will inspire you to think about and view the world from different perspectives. You will develop skills in critical thinking and learn to evaluate case studies and the work of sociologists. The key areas of study in Year 12 are family and education in the UK, together with sociological theory and research methods. This will be followed in Year 13 by the study of Beliefs in Society and Crime and Deviance. You will explore how power and control is exercised in our society; through culture, education and the criminal justice system. You will also investigate the inequalities in British society based on gender, class, ethnicity and age.

Student Profile

A successful student will need:

Grade 5 in GCSE English, History or Sociology.

An interest in the society you live in and current affairs.

An ability to work independently and evaluate the work of others.

A willingness to commit regular time to independent study and research.

To be able to listen and act upon regular constructive advice.

Previous study at GCSE is advisable but not compulsory.

Course Content (AQA)

AS level

Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context

Paper 2: Culture and Identity with Research Methods

A level

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Family and Beliefs in Society

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

The Exam Board is AQA. All assessment is by examination, there is no coursework.

The Future - What Next?

Candidates who want to further develop their research skills could continue at university where they can focus on the areas of Sociology they are most interested in.

This subject also complements the study of History, Law, Psychology, Geography, Religious Studies and English in Higher Education.

Students who successfully complete the course can use the skills they learn in many diverse fields, including law, administration, social work, teaching and the police force.



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