



A Level Sociology

Sociology A Level follows the AQA specification and gives insights into social and cultural issues. It helps you develop a multi-perspective and critical approach to understanding issues around culture, identity, crime and social power.

What Entry Requirements Do I Need?

Normal Sixth Form entry requirements will gain access to the course. A GCSE grade 4/5 in English is necessary as you will need to express yourself clearly in writing. The ability to evaluate and debate various topics is desirable.

How Will I Be Assessed?

Assessment for the course will be examined through 3 two-hour exams at the end of the second year and are worth 80 marks each.

What Will I Learn On This Course?

Throughout the Sociology course you will develop both important knowledge and understanding as well as a number of key skills, including the following:

1. Your ability to learn independently.
2. Your ability to critically analyse and evaluate concepts and theories.
3. Your ability to carry out practical investigations and analyse data using descriptive statistics.
4. A broader knowledge and understanding of society and how it influences our lives.

Topic areas studied include the following:

- **Research methods:** Learn how to conduct your own sociological research, from interviews to reviewing documents and official statistics.
- **Education with methods in context:** Consider the role of education in society and look at the differences in achievement between genders and ethnic groups. You'll also learn how to apply your own research methods to the study of education.
- **Culture and Identity:** Learn how culture is defined and about different types of culture and how children are socialised into their own culture. Discover factors that affect our identity such as age, ethnicity, disability, gender and sexual identity. Also study the role of globalisation on identity.
- **Crime and deviance with theory and methods:** Learn about criminal and deviant behaviour, including factors that might lead a person to follow this path in life and how the media portrays them.
- **The Media:** Learn about the relationship between ownership and control of the media, how media represents certain social groups.

Why Study Sociology at A Level?

A Level Sociology offers you the opportunity to develop the essential knowledge and understanding of sociological thought and methods, together with a range of skills. Sociology is the study of human societies, in all sorts of contexts. Sociology is a great subject for people who have an interest in people and society and is a good basis for many careers including social work, police, probation, law, journalism and many more.

Whether you study Sociology for your own development or as a key to a profession, there is endless scope for the use of that which you will learn in this subject.

Where Will Sociology Lead Me?

A Level Sociology gives you a strong foundation for further study in a wide range of academic subjects at degree level. It is a good foundation subject as the knowledge you learn can be applied to all aspects of society and it provides a variety of academic skills especially thinking critically about the world. Sociology can lead to careers in many areas such as teaching, social work and social policy making, law, journalism and the civil service.