

A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY



WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY

Sociologists are interested in why society works in the way that it does and the extent to which our behaviour – and even opportunities – can be shaped by our social class, age, gender and race. We question the society in which we live in order to understand the relationship between individuals and institutions such as the Education System, Religion and the Mass Media.

WHY CHOOSE SOCIOLOGY

Sociology prepares you for a lifetime of change by developing your appreciation of diversity, love of learning, writing and study skills, and your knowledge base about human behaviour, social organization, culture, and social change.

Sociology will challenge you to look critically at the world around you, to consider alternatives to how things are in society today and it enables you to apply your imagination to think the impossible possible.

It will open your mind and it will open doors to your future academic and vocational progress.

It is fun !!

THE A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY SPECIFICATION

The A Level Sociology specifications for use in England are:

- Assessed by examination only
- Are linear, with assessment at the end of the second year.
- Require good literacy skills. You will need to develop written skills of analysis and evaluation

OUR APPROACH TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

Building on our reputation for excellent resources:

- We place a strong emphasis on allowing students to take responsibility for their own learning and to provide them with a full range of learning experiences. Sociologists are naturally inquisitive and enjoy a good debate!

- We emphasise the development of examination skills alongside subject understanding building on the experience of our team as Sociology Examiners
- We have a flexible teaching approach but understand the need to complete homework, respect deadlines and set high standards
- We use high-quality learning materials including our unique workbooks (which we produce ourselves) and which have been rated as excellent by our students
- We have a range of online learning and assessment materials.

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For the A Level you will study the following topics:

- Culture, Identity and Socialisation
- Subcultures
- Crime and Deviance
- Researching Inequality in Society

In all topics current debates are considered, for instance:

- Has globalization made crime easier?
 - Is the gap between the rich and poor widening due to globalization?
 - Is social media a force for good or does it increase conflict in society?

A LEVEL ASSESSMENT

Students will be assessed by three written examinations in the summer of year 2. We follow the **OCR** syllabus.

- Paper 1 = Culture, Identity and Socialisation with Subcultures
- Paper 2 = Researching and Understanding Social Inequality in Society
 - Paper 3 = Debates in Contemporary Society

ENTRY AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS

What are the entry requirements for A Level Sociology?

- Minimum of Grade 4 in GCSE English Language
- General course entry requirements in line with the College policy

Please bear in mind, there is a high level of literacy skills required in this subject. You will need to write many essays during the year and in the exams.

SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Sociology can be studied in combination with a wide variety of other subjects. In particular, it fits well with Politics, History, Geography, Criminology, Psychology, Classics, Law, Religious Studies, Economics, English and Business.

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