

Sociology

Why this course is right for you

Sociology is the study of human relationships and social structures; how society is organised and how we interact on a mass scale. It covers topics such as family, education, religion, crime and social power.

If you are interested in societal issues or enjoy the political and social elements of History and enjoy writing essays and researching independently, you should study this subject.

In studying Sociology you will gain a much greater understanding of how humans interact in society and what shapes their behaviour. You will develop your analytical, research and communication skills and become an inquisitive, questioning learner and member of society.

Beyond A Levels

A level Sociology students typically go on to study a variety of different subjects at university including Sociology, Psychology, English, Business Studies, International Relations, Politics and Teaching, amongst others.

Sociology students can go into careers in social work, victim support, policing, researching, teaching, policy planning, media, criminology, and nursing, among many other professions. Sociology is about the study of people and groups and society, and is therefore relevant to any future job or qualifications you will do.

Going further

If you think you might be interested in sociology take a look at:

- Thinking Allowed podcast by Laurie Taylor
- LSE Sociology: An Introduction YouTube video
- The McDonaldisation of Society by George Ritzer



Course Content

Exam board: AQA

Head of Department/Faculty: tbc

Year 1 Topics

- Education
- Family and Households
- Theory & Methods

Year 2 Topics

- Crime and Deviance
- Beliefs in Society
- Theory & Methods

Assessment:

100% examination at the end of Year 13
3 x 2 hour papers

Paper One: Education and Theory and Methods

Paper Two: Family and Households and Beliefs in Society

Paper Three: Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods

Additional Experiences

Students will have the opportunity to go on numerous trips throughout the course, this may be to local universities, conferences or museums.

Subject Entry Requirements

Grade 5 GCSE English.

“History is, strictly speaking, the study of questions; the study of answers belongs to Sociology and Anthropology”

WH Auden