

SOCIOLOGY

Examination Board: AQA

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is a very popular and thought provoking subject. The course studies how society works and the extent to which our behaviour and opportunities may 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. This allows students to develop a greater understanding of the social fabric of our society and to look at the world around us with deeper insight.

Where does it lead?

An A Level in Sociology is an academic subject in its own right and complements other subjects such as Psychology, Religious Studies and History. Study of Sociology opens many different degree subject opportunities such as criminology and social policy along with some more vocational course options. Career opportunities include law, journalism, teaching, social work, business management, local/national government. Previous students have pursued very diverse careers but all agree that the study of the subject has provided them with valuable insight for reflecting on and analysing society.

Course Content

The subject content covers the following topics from a sociological perspective:

- Education, Families and Households
- Crime and Deviance
- Mass Media / Global Development/ Social Stratification (you will cover one of the three)
- Culture and Identity

Students also look at two topics on the overall purpose of Sociology

- Research Methods in context
- Theory and Methods of Sociology

Course Assessment

There are three exams at the end of the A Level course, all two hours long and each worth one third of the final grade.

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology (Families & Households, Mass Media / Global Development/Beliefs in Society Culture and Identity)

Paper 3: Crime & Deviance with Theory and Methods

**For further information,
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