



Sociology

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Entry Requirements: Sociology is at the cutting edge of understanding the world we live in. It is the study of human social life, groups and societies. Sociology attempts to describe and explain people's social behaviour. In so doing, it asks questions such as why is it that people join gangs? What causes crime? Why are some people rich and others poor? Why do girls get better exam results than boys? Why do 50,000 people in the world die of poverty every day? Sociology can help you to understand the social structures that shape us and prepare us for our place in the world, such as the family and education. It can also shed light on hidden aspects of society such as criminal gangs and youth subcultures. Sociology will allow you to develop critical insight, questioning the status quo. Realise how varied the human experience can be and how powerfully identity shapes a person's future.

Pass Rate: 100%

Exam Board: AQA

Trips & Events:

- Quarry Bank Mill,
- 'Marxism and Feminism in Manchester' Tour

Student Voice: "Sociology is one of my favourite subjects, because of its applicability to everyday life. Each day reading the news, I make new connections to the exciting topics we learn in lessons. The teachers are amazing as well!"



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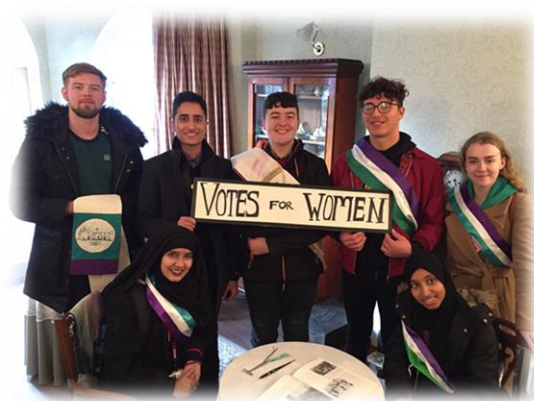
A Level Sociology AQA Specification

Year 12

An introduction to sociological theories and perspectives, with application of research methods to education. To recognise and understand the causes of changing family patterns in the UK.

Content:

- **Topic 1:** What is Sociology? Sociological Perspectives
- **Topic 2:** Education with Research Methods
- **Topic 3:** Culture and Identity



Year 13

An analysis of crime, deviance, social order and social control. Explore how beliefs in society shape the way we see the world and influence how we live. Developing an understanding of how researching these topics may be problematic.

Content:

- **Topic 1:** Crime and Deviance
- **Topic 2:** The Media
- **Topic 3:** Sociological Research Methods



A-Level Assessment

Examination at the end of Year 2

- **Paper 1:** a two-hour exam on Education in Society, with associated sociological theory and methods
- **Paper 2:** a two-hour exam on Culture and Identity
- **Paper 3:** a two-hour exam on Crime and Deviance, with associated sociological theory and methods

Beyond A Levels: Future Career Aspirations

A Level Sociology is recognised as an academic A Level by all universities so will help you in securing a degree course. It provides an excellent foundation for anyone wishing to pursue a career in social work, the probation service, further education and any aspect of the criminal justice system. The A-Level also develops excellent research skills that can be transferred to many degree courses and jobs.

