



Sociology

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is an exciting subject and we cover lots of interesting topics including gender stereotypes, racism, the causes of crime and the function of religion within society. Lessons are varied and include discussions about contemporary events, debates, group work, written work, reading and discussing media footage. In Sociology you touch on wide variety of subjects from Politics, Psychology, Health and Social Care, Law, Citizenship, Geography and History to name just a few!

What skills will I gain from studying Sociology?

Sociology is valued as a subject within higher education institutions because of the development of higher-level skills within the subject. You will develop your critical and analytical thinking, essay writing, research, and self-awareness. All of these skills are transferrable and valued by universities and employers alike.

Having studied Sociology what opportunities will be open to me?

Many of our students go on to study Sociology or other Social Science courses in higher education. Sociology opens the doors to many careers including social work, teaching, journalism, youth work, probation work, government roles, data analysis plus many more.

Entry requirements

Grade 6 in Sociology GCSE. Students who did not study Sociology at GCSE need to achieve a grade 6 in English.

Exam Board – AQA Specification code/no. – 7192

Topics covered in Year 12 and Year 13

Families, Education, Research Methods, Crime, Beliefs, Theory. (Please note these topics are subject to change)

How would I be assessed?

Sociology is an essay-based subject, with no coursework. Students being required to answer questions ranging from 4 and 6 mark short answer questions to 10, 20 and 30 mark essays. Students are assessed across three exam papers which are all two hours each:

- Paper 1 - Education with Theory and Methods
- Paper 2 - Family and Households and Beliefs in Society
- Paper 3 - Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods