

Sociology

SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

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Why choose the subject? Sociology attracts students who are interested in current affairs and issues and in the society in which we all live. As with other Social Science A levels, this links in very well with other subjects because the topics covered in the course are very cross-curricular.

Sociology can be of direct relevance and benefit to a whole host of careers, including Journalism, Nursing, Social Work, Local Government, Teaching, Advertising or Business.

Who is eligible?

The syllabus assumes no previous study of Sociology at GCSE. It must be stressed that Sociology is not an “easy option”. It is rigorous, and demands a dedicated and hard-working approach to the course if you are going to succeed.

As well as producing written assignments, you will be expected to read regularly and make relevant notes, take part in class discussions, watch DVDs and prepare and present some aspect of a topic in class.

It is important to keep abreast of current affairs by reading one of the quality newspapers, listening to/watching the news regularly and watching relevant documentaries on television/online where appropriate.

A LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Examination Board: AQA	PAPER 1	
	Description of Subject Content	Education with Theory and Methods
		The exam paper consists of 4, 6, 10, 30, 20 and 10 mark questions.
	Length of Exam	2 hours
	PAPER 2	
	Description of Subject Content	Topics in Sociology
	The exam paper is in two sections.	
	Section A is on Families and Households and consists of 10, 10 and 20 mark questions.	
	Section B is on Beliefs in Society and consists of 10, 10 and 20 mark questions.	
Length of Exam	2 hours	
PAPER 3		
Description of Subject Content	Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods	
	The exam consists of 4, 6, 10, 30, 10 and 20 mark questions.	
Length of Exam	2 hours	

AS LEVEL QUALIFICATION

Examination Board: AQA	PAPER 1	
	Description of Subject Content	Education with Methods in Context The exam paper consists of 2, 2, 6, 10, 20 and 20 mark questions.
	Length of Exam	1½ hours
	PAPER 2	
	Description of Subject Content	Research Methods and Topics in Sociology The exam paper is in two sections:- Section A is on Research Methods and consists of 4 and 16 mark questions. Section B is on Families and Households and consists of 2, 2, 6, 10 and 20 mark questions.
	Length of Exam	1½ hours

STUDENT VIEW

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Studying Sociology allows you to look at the world around you with a unique perspective. If you want to learn about why certain groups of people in society, such as criminals and deviants, behave the way that they do, the functions and roles that different social institutions have such as the family, school and religion, and different sociological viewpoints such as that of feminists and Marxists, then this is the subject for you. Don't be fooled, as it can be challenging at times and there is a lot of content to get through but it will be one of your most rewarding and fascinating subjects.

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