



Advanced Level

SOCIOLOGY



Course Aims:

Do you have an interest in other peoples lives, attitudes and behaviour, and are open to having your own ideas challenged, or challenging the ideas of others? Then this course could be for you. Sociology is a wide-ranging subject involving many areas of social life, including: families and households, education, mass media and crime and deviance research methods. To enjoy sociology you need to be interested in the world around you and have an open, enquiring mind.

You will learn basic theories or ways of looking at society and develop the skills to assess different views and reach conclusions. You will expand and use knowledge to analyse modern society, critically assess different views on the way society works, explore the core themes of socialisation, culture and identity, social differentiation, and power and stratification.

Course Content and Assessment:

Assessment is through three externally set papers:

Paper 1 Education with Theory and Methods

- the relationships between class, gender and ethnicity and educational achievement.
- recent reforms to the educational system.

Paper 2 Topics in Sociology

Options will be selected by the specialist teacher.

Paper 3 Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

Crime and Deviance - This option focuses on debates in contemporary society through a detailed study of crime and deviance. The social construction of crime and deviance are considered and the ways in which crime is socially distributed, explained and reduced.

Theory and Methods - the nature of sociological thought, the methods of social enquiry.

Learning Methods:

A typical lesson will involve discussion and debating around key topics and issues. You will learn through various structured lessons and will have an opportunity to take part in research.

There will also be an opportunity to visit local courts and speak to judges that hold murder tickets.

Career Opportunities:

The independent study skills learnt in Sociology are an excellent preparation for University. Many students who are taught A-Level Sociology go on to study in higher education. This course will allow you access into University on a range of courses including Criminology, Sociology, Media, Journalism, Social Work. The course will provide you with a diverse range of skills to enter various employment including, the Police service, probation service, social work, journalism and children's services.

A Level Overview:

Subject Content of the A Level

Education with Theory and Methods

- Education
- Methods in Context
- Theory and Methods

Topics in Sociology (selected by specialist teacher)

- Culture and Identity
- Families and Households
- Health
- Work, Poverty and Welfare
- Beliefs in Society
- Global Development
- The Media
- Stratification and Differentiation

Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

Entry Requirements:

- Grade 4 or above in English
- Grade 4 or above in Maths.
- You should have a strong GCSE profile overall.

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