

Sociology

AQA A level

Course Tutor

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Category	Information
Course Entry Requirement	General A-Level entry requirements including a GCSE grade 5 or above in History or Geography.
Course description <i>What will I be studying and doing?</i> <i>How much theory, how much applied or practical?</i>	<p>Sociology is the study of society - how people interact in groups. It examines social behaviour from a variety of perspectives: how it originates and then develops, and the ways people are organised into groups according to distinctions such as class, gender and race. As well as investigating the institutions and forces which shape and are shaped by groups within a society, such as the media, religion and education.</p> <p>A level Sociology focuses on contemporary society, providing an awareness of the importance of social structure and actions in explaining social forces and issues.</p> <p>It will help you to develop knowledge and understanding of the essential sociological theories and methods (such as Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism) with which sociologists make sense of the diversity of societies, and of the forces which have and will continue to shape social change.</p> <p>You will start to think about society in a new and critical light, questioning the status quo and developing a sophisticated understanding of the real issues that affect the society we live in. It is an excellent subject for showing you how society works and for making you aware of the range of conditions that individuals within society experience. Students often comment that they didn't realise how varied the human experience can be and how powerfully group identity shapes a person's future.</p>
Coursework	No coursework.
Final Examination <i>What's the final exam like?</i>	3 examination all 2hrs in length Paper 1 – Education, Methods in context and theory/methods Paper 2 – Health or work/poverty/welfare and Global develop or Beliefs in society Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance, Theory and methods
Post-18 Opportunities and Employment	<p>Sociology provides an excellent starting point for any social science degree from Economics, Psychology, Human Geography and Politics to Criminology and Philosophy.</p> <p>However, many students choose degrees which combine Sociology with Psychology as the two subjects complement one another. While Sociology studies the influences society has upon individual behaviour, Psychology examines the impact of the individual mind.</p> <p>A degree in Sociology can lead to many career options including teaching, advertising, research, marketing and business. Sociology is an academic subject teaching you transferable skills so can lead to many future employment opportunities.</p>