Sociology

Exam Board: AQA
Entry Requirements: Students must achieve Grade 6 in GCSE English. Students choosing this course need strong literacy skills.

COURSE SUMMARY

The purpose of sociology, as with all sciences, is to uncover that which is hidden. Sociology students' study and participate in the science of society, investigating the power and influence of social institutions. More specifically students analyse the influence of the education system, families and households, the criminal justice system and beliefs. Studying sociology will answer many questions students have about society and how humans behave and interact. Sociology celebrates and promotes diversity and allows students to develop an understanding of cultural and religious differences and similarities and examine in detail how an individual's gender, ethnicity and social class interact and impact upon their life chances.

COURSE STRUCTURE

Paper 1 (33.3%)
- Education
- Methods in Context
- Theory and Methods

Examination: 2hr written exam

Paper 2 (33.3%)
- Families and Households
- Beliefs in Society

Examination: 2hr written exam

Paper 3 (33.3%)
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

Examination: 2hr written exam

SPECIFICATION

AS and A-level Sociology Specifications for first teaching in 2015 (sanity.io)

CAREER CHOICES

Sociology A-level students can progress to a range of social science and humanity related courses, including Sociology, Criminology, Psychology, Law, Liberal Arts, etc. Having a Sociology A-level can be advantageous when applying for jobs in a variety of sectors, including Criminal justice, Social policy, Mental health nursing, International development, Public relations, Journalism, Youth work, etc.