

THE PROGRAMME

Sociology is the systematic study of social behaviour, its origins, development and the impact of different institutions on individuals. The subject looks for patterns and relationships between areas such as the family and the British education system and the life chances of certain social groups. In sociology, students learn to relate sociological theories, such as Functionalism, Marxism and Feminism to everyday experiences. Social inequality and moral issues are debated and students often find they begin to question many social experiences they have previously taken for granted.

The AS award comprises of two units:

Unit 1 – Education and Methods in Context
Unit 2 – Research and Family & Households

The A Level award comprises of three units:

Unit 1 – Education with Theory and Methods
Unit 2 – Family & Household and Beliefs in Society
Unit 3 – Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

Students must have five GCSEs A*- C with a 6 or above in English Language being essential. An avid interest in both political events and current affairs is vital, with students needing to be continually aware of issues and debates in contemporary society.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Sociology is a discipline highly regarded by universities and employers alike. The course helps to develop a variety of skills that will be relevant to a broad range of careers. In lessons, students are expected to participate fully in group work, complete extended writing and formulate a balanced argument. In addition, communication skills will be developed along with an increased awareness of social diversity.

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

Students of sociology go on to a wide range of careers, such as: Social researcher, Journalist, Legal work, Police work, Social work, Health care, Politics, Management, Teaching or Welfare officer. Sociology is an ideal subject for students who are considering careers in numerous areas of contemporary society and it develops many transferable skills, such as communication, analysis, evaluation and literacy.

