



SOCIOLOGY

Qualification: A-Level

Overview of subject:

Sociology is the study of social structures and social institutions. Sociology helps explain social change, encourages political and social engagement with contemporary social issues. Sociology will definitely help develop your essay skills, allowing you to discuss different views on social issues in a critical and evaluative way.

Topics studied in the syllabus include:

- Research methods and sociological theory.
- Families and households, including childhood and old age.
- The role of education in society and the reasons why pupils from different backgrounds achieve different levels of success.
- Beliefs in society and the impact of religion.
- Crime and deviance and impact of globalisation.

The course might be of interest to:

Those students who are seeking to develop their interests in social sciences and explore issues of class, gender, ethnicity and sexuality. The skills and knowledge learnt within sociology compliment all other A-Levels, including maths and natural sciences.

Potential future pathways:

Sociology leads to a wide range of careers such as: Teaching, Government Advisors, Social Worker, Police Officer, Journalism, Lawyer, Human Resource Management, Acting and many more. The skills learnt in an A-Level in sociology, especially research methods are valued highly by universities and employers.