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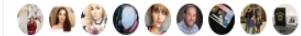
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Sociology should be taught everywhere, that's my view. Even GCSE Sociology arms you against a lifetime of spin, 'fake news' and moral panic.

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- **Sociology is the study of human society.**
- The study of **relationships** between **social groups** such as friends and role models.
- The study of **social institutions** such as family and school.
- The study of **social processes** that occur such as racism and sexism.

Sociology is about exploring questions about society.



Does the news tell the truth or is it all 'fake news'?

What is the impact of social media and the internet on human relationships?

How do global issues affect us in the UK?

Why do girls do better than boys in education?

What impact does labelling a student as lazy have on attainment?

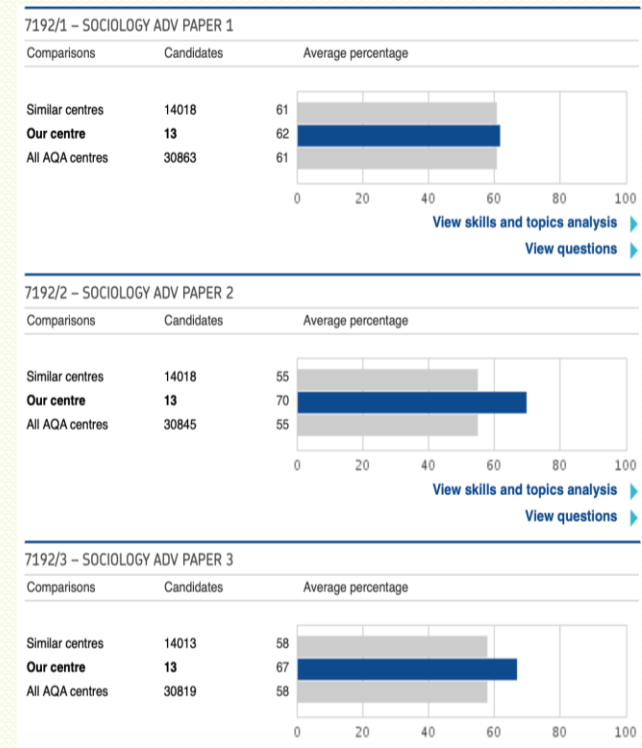
How are our chances of success in life affected by gender, ethnicity or age?

Why are ethnic minorities more likely to serve prison sentences?

# Sociology Results

	2018	2019	2020	Average Grade
A*-B	66.7%	76.9%	75%	B+
A*-C	100%	100%	100%	

- The graph compares results of similar schools to KES.
- Results that consistently outperform other schools
- 77% of students get their highest grade in sociology.

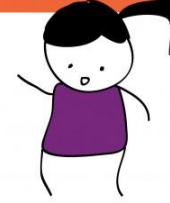


- Sociology enables people to **question** the world around us.
- Statistics will be analysed, not accepted at face value.
- The 'grand theories' of society will be **explained**
- Ability to explain **Application** of knowledge and examples to exam questions
- Critical **analysis** of the theories and evidence
- **Evaluating** the evidence and coming to a conclusion

## Questions a Critical Thinker Asks

### What's Happening?

Gather the basic information and begin to think of questions



### Why Is It Important?

Ask yourself why it's significant and whether or not you agree

### What Don't I See?

Is there anything important missing?



### How Do I Know?

Ask yourself where the information came from and how it was constructed

### Who Is Saying It?

What's the position of the speaker and what is influencing them?



If only time were relative...

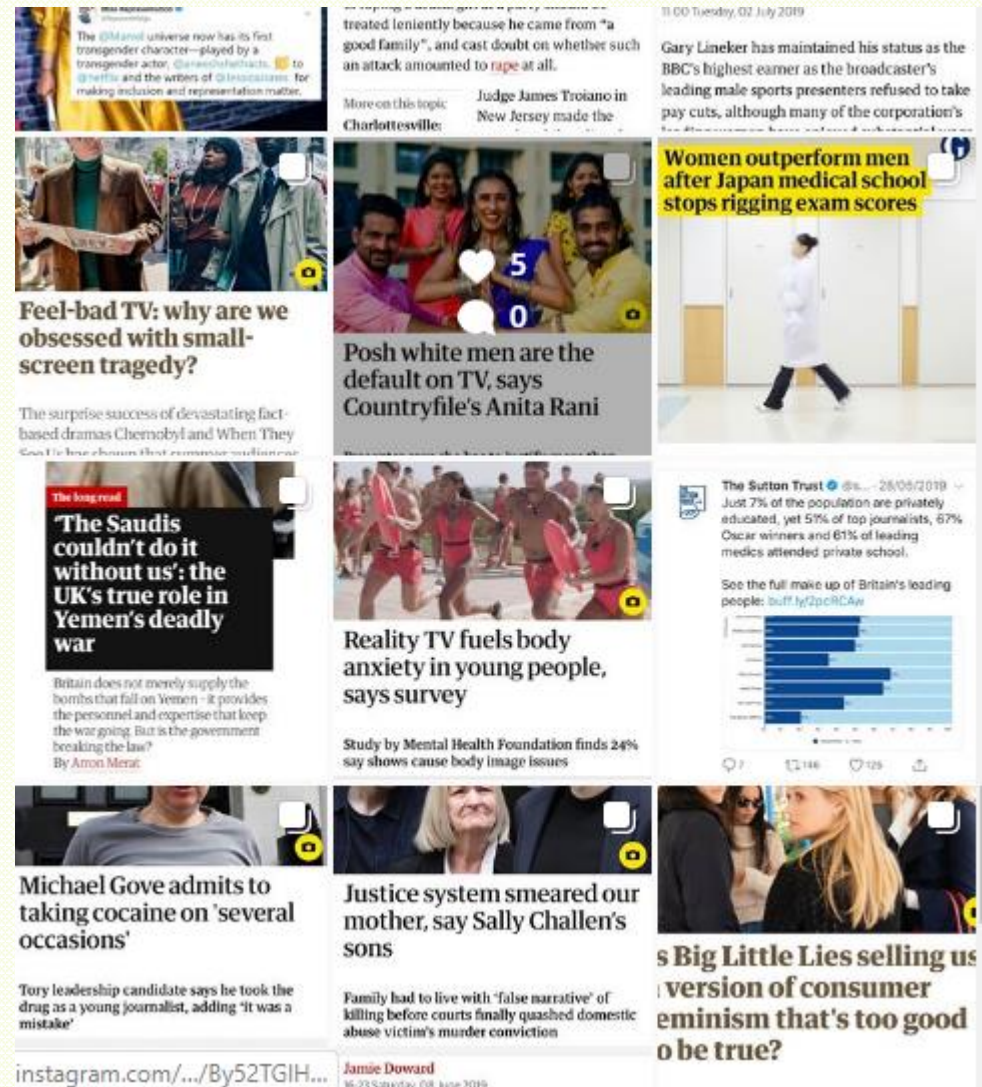
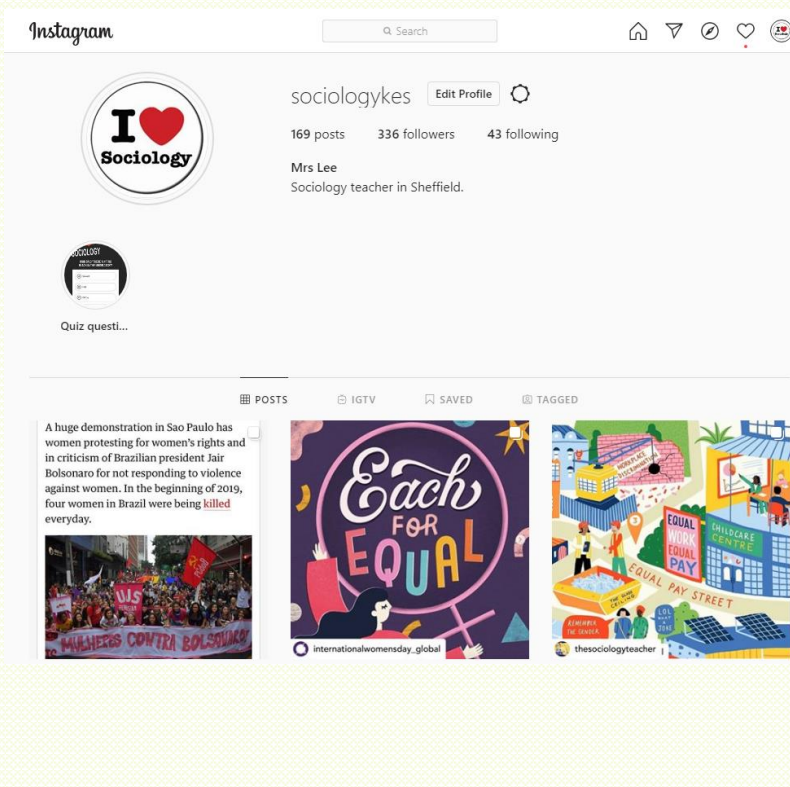


### What Else? What If?

What other ideas exist and are there other possibilities?

# Sociology goes beyond the textbook: current affairs and the news is referenced throughout the course.

Follow @sociologykes to see screenshots of news that is relevant to the course content.



## Topics studied:

### Year 1

- Introduction to Sociology
- Culture and Identity
- Education
- Theory and Research Methods

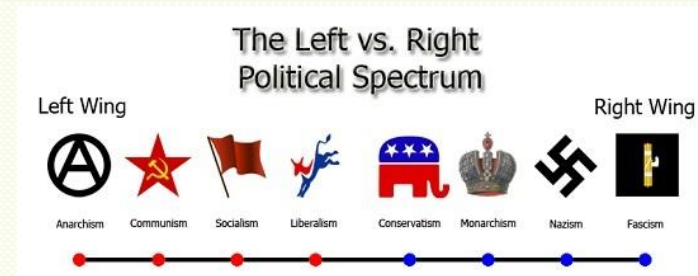
### Year 2

- Crime and Deviance
- Media

A –Level Exams 3 exams 2hrs 80 Marks

## Sociological Theories:

- Functionalism
- Marxism
- Feminism
- Interpretivist
- Postmodernism

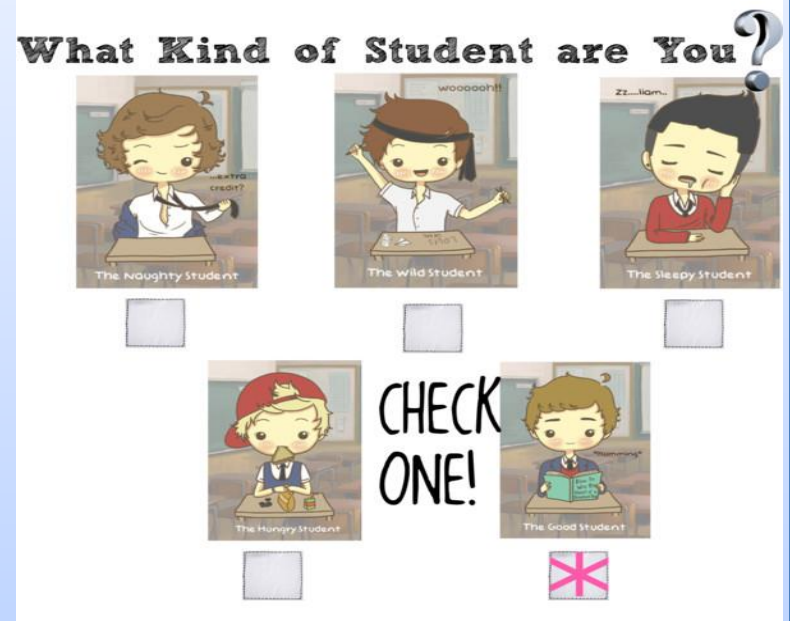


Exam Board: AQA

# What kind of student picks sociology?

People who...

- Are inquisitive
- Enjoy reading
- Consume the news
- Enjoy debating
- Are good at writing essays
- Enjoy watching documentaries on TV
- Want to broaden their A-Level choices



Sociology can go alongside any other course and is most commonly mixed with:

- Psychology
- English
- Economics
- History
- Languages
- Geography
- Art

- Government and Politics
- PE
- Business Studies
- Health & social care
- Biology

# Past student destinations

- Sheffield
- Sheffield Hallam
- Nottingham
- Leeds
- Leicester

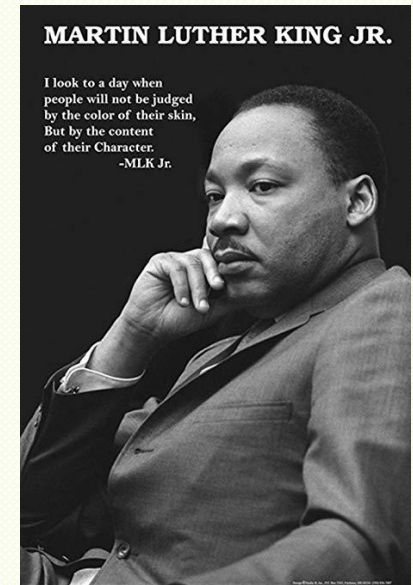
- Law
- Midwifery
- Journalism
- Teaching
- Sports Management
- Childhood Studies

2018 – one student received an A\* in sociology which enabled a change in course to forensic psychology.

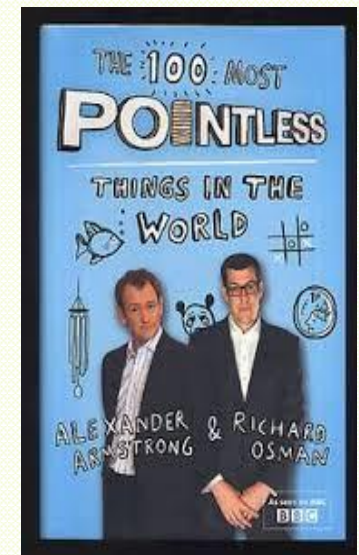
2019 – one student received an A\* after a remark in sociology which was the catalyst for being accepted for his Law course.

# Careers

**Lawyer**  
**Politician**  
**Researcher**  
**TV presenter/producer**  
**Police**  
**Teacher**  
**Journalist**  
**Social Worker**  
**Business**  
**Nurse**  
**Physiotherapist**  
**Midwife**  
**Activist**  
**Town Planner**  
**Marketing**



**Human Resources** –  
working in the area of a  
company that deals with  
hiring and firing people



# What students who have studied sociology say:

Makes you see things from different points of view



It opens your mind

It helps you understand different groups in society

I can't watch TV without seeing stereotypes!

I love it, I am going to study it at University

# Any Questions???

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