

Sociology

Subject Information Sheet

Course Title:	Sociology
Subject:	Sociology
Qualification:	A Level
Exam Board:	AQA
General Course Description	<p>Studying sociology helps you develop a critical approach to understanding society. You will explore issues around culture, identity, media, crime, politics, education, globalisation, inequality and social power.</p> <p>You will be able to evaluate sociological theories such as Marxism and Feminism.</p>
Course Content and Teaching Units	<p><u>Culture and identity:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> different conceptions of culture, including subculture, mass culture, folk culture, high and low culture, popular culture and global culture. the socialisation process, the relationship of identity to age, disability, ethnicity, gender, nationality, sexuality and social class in contemporary society, production, consumption and globalisation. <p><u>Education and methods in context:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> differential educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary society. the significance of educational policies, including policies of selection, marketisation and privatisation, and policies to achieve greater equality of opportunity or outcome <p><u>Theory and Methods:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Functionalism, Marxism, Feminism, Interactionism and Postmodern. <p><u>Crime and deviance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> crime, deviance, social order and social control.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class. crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system. <p><u>Media:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relationship between ownership and control of the media Media representations of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability The relationship between the media, their content and presentation, and audiences
Entry Requirements	Grade 5 or above in English Language or Literature
Assessment	<p>There are two internal exams at the end of year 12. One exam lasts for 1 hour and is worth 40 marks. The next exam lasts 2 hours and is worth 80 marks. The exams consist of few short answer and predominantly extended writing questions up to 30 Marks.</p> <p>At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level grade. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 80 marks each. The exams consist of a mixture of short answer and predominantly extended writing questions.</p>
Financial Information	<p>Class workbooks are used so text books are optional and can be purchased to support learning at approximately £20 per year.</p> <p>Revision guides available for approximately £12.</p> <p>Some years we are able to offer a trip that costs around £40.</p>
Progression Opportunities	<p>Around half of our sociology students go on to study either sociology, law, criminology or journalism at university.</p> <p>Careers where a foundation in sociology is valued include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Journalism Social Work Criminology Teaching Media Advertising and Marketing Human Resources Youth Services Politics Social Policy Planning Probation Academic Research Police Business/PR Medical related careers/nursing/midwifer

Further Information about our courses including results	Three year average 58% A*-B
Trips, visits and extra-curricular	Students may attend a grade booster revision workshop Attendance at a sociological conference TBC Visit from a police officer to explain crime and policies in context