

Sociology A Level

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements: GCSE Grade 6 in English Literature and Language

Subject Content

The A Level Sociology syllabus includes a variety of topics which will be studied over the two year course:

Paper 1 Education with Theory and Methods:

Education- What role does education play in our society? Why do some social groups do better than others?

Methods in Context- What research methods are appropriate for researching education?

Theory and Methods- How can Sociologists make sense of the world around them? What methods can they use to research their ideas?

Paper 2 Topics in Sociology:

Families and Households- How does society affect family relationships and why have these relationships changed over time?

Beliefs in Society - Is religion important in modern society?

Paper 3 Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods:

Crime and Deviance - What affects whether people commit crime and how are criminals treated by the state?

Theory and Methods - What methods should Sociologists use to research crime and other social issues in society?

Assessments

Year 13: There will be 3 exam papers in the summer of Year 13. Each exam paper will be two hours long and is worth a third of the final grade. Paper 1 and Paper 3 will contain a mixture of short and long answer questions, while Paper 2 will contain extended writing tasks.



Skills gained and enrichment opportunities:

Students will be able to develop writing and analytical skills which are required when progressing to university. Students will also have the opportunity to develop their independent learning skills as well as working with others and developing their communication skills by taking part in group discussions. Students will be able to take part in conferences and visits applicable to the course.

Progression/career opportunities:

Students will be able to progress onto a number of university courses and career opportunities including: social work, teaching and research, the Police Force.

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