

Sociology

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society. By that, we mean all the influences on us which make us act the way we do. Sociologists try to understand human behaviour, and to do this, they also try to understand how other people affect us.

Have you ever wondered about the full story behind the important issues in society? Have you ever wondered about changes in technology and the affect they are having? Why do we have families? Why do the rich and powerful sometimes get away with criminal behaviour? If you are fascinated by the behaviour of others and why we act the way we do, then sociology is for you.

Sociology is a fascinating subject for those with enquiring minds. It is a subject that will encourage you to ask questions about human societies. You will learn a variety of skills such as the ability to support debate with evidence, how to research and how to evaluate. You will also be taught how to think objectively. Sociology opens the door to a variety of interesting career prospects.

Entry requirements

Securing a B grade in English and Mathematics will guarantee you a place on this course. C grades in these subjects may be accepted following consultation with the Head of Department or Head of Sixth Form.

Course details and assessment format

AS

Unit 1 - Acquiring Culture (Families and Culture)

Written Examination 1 hour 15 minute

15% of qualification

Unit 2 - Understanding Culture (Education and Research)

Written examination 2 hour

25% of qualification

A Level

Unit 3 - Understanding Power and Control (Crime and Deviance)

Written examination :2 hours

25% of qualification

Unit 4 - Social Inequality and Applied Methods of Sociological Enquiry

Written examination : 2 hours 15 minutes

35% of qualification

Skills which are developed and possible progression:

The skills you learn in sociology are highly marketable and enable you to understand the world around you. Sociological theory helps you become a critical thinker because it exposes you to many different ways of seeing the social world which more and more employers are looking for. Studying sociology allows you to develop communication skills, interpersonal skills, analytical skills and leadership skills. It is a subject that provides a strong intellectual background and transferable skills for many careers for many careers e.g. Police, Business, Education, Health and Welfare service, Public relations, Journalism, Politics, Law, Criminology, Research, Administration.



"I find that my sociological background is invaluable to my day to day work. It really is a fantastic grounding for public health."

Dr Catherine Hefferman