



Post 16 Prospectus: SOCIOLOGY

Advanced Subsidiary (AS) & Advanced Level (A2)

Examining Board: AQA

AIM

Students will study a range of topics such as the family, mass media, education, crime, gender, ethnicity, globalisation and fundamentalism. These substantive topics enable students to grasp something of the complexity of the social, political and economic institutions in society and of the social relationships they will experience. We aim to provide students with evidence and a conceptual framework to explore contemporary social issues. Lessons adopt a range of different activities, which encourage students to develop their discussion, debating and independent learning skills, as well as their written communication. The schemes of work are designed to engage a broad range of learners and prepare them for university or their chosen careers, as well as enabling them to become more independent.

COURSE CONTENT

AS Level (Stand-alone AS Exam)		Advanced Level (Decoupled Exam)	
1	Family and Households	1	Beliefs
2	Education with Methods in Context	2	Crime and Deviance
3	Research Methods	3	Theory and Methods
AS ASSESSMENT		A level ASSESSMENT	
Paper 1: 1.5 hour exam Education with Methods in Context		Paper 1: 2-hour exam Education with Methods in Context	
Paper 2: 1.5 hour exam Research methods and topics in Sociology (Families and Households)		Paper 2: 2-hour exam Topics in Sociology (Families and Households & Beliefs)	
		Paper 3: 2-hour exam Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods	

SUBJECT ENRICHMENT

Crime Conference – an insight into crime prevention, prison experiences from ex-prisoners and a talk from a forensic psychologist.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

General entry requirement for Post-16: 5 grade 4/C at GCSE, including English and/or Maths.
Specific entry requirements: At least Grade 4 in GCSE English Language.



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STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

'Sociology enlightens me on the social structures of our society and is the most unique subject I've studied' (Year 13 student)

'Sociology has helped open my eyes to looking at society in a more in-depth way. It's always interesting and keeps me thinking. The enthusiastic teachers help to keep me engaged' (Year 13 student)

'I like A level Sociology because it allows me to talk about current affairs as well as improving my writing skills for other essay-based subjects' (Year 13 student)

WHERE NEXT?

This course can lead to a variety of higher educational courses such as Sociology, Criminology, Anthropology and Social Policy. In terms of career opportunities, the course develops written communication, independent learning and skills of analysis and evaluation. The social focus of the course provides students with many insights into areas like health, education, social policy, development and research. Therefore, this is a useful qualification for many fields of employment.

Many of our students go on to study Sociology, Criminology and Psychology at university and related degrees:

2020/2021 destinations

Student A – Sociology and Criminology at University of Huddersfield

Student B – Criminology at Leeds Trinity University

Student C – Criminology and Sociology at University of Nottingham

2018/2019 destinations

Student D – Criminology and Sociology at Liverpool University

Student E – Social Work at University of West London

Student F – Sociology at Huddersfield

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Regular drop-in sessions for small group and individual support, including study and revision skills
- 'Open door' policy so students are able to access staff for help during study periods and outside of lessons
- Revision sessions leading up to exams
- Regular exam question practice and review lessons
- Checklists to allow students to monitor their progress through the course and to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses
- Resources to develop written communication skills
- Individual support programmes for students experiencing difficulties
- Recommendations for extra reading

STUDENT SUCCESS

Many students have gone on to study Sociology at university. Related degrees that students are currently studying include Nursing, Teaching, Business, Media and Communications, Criminology and Sports Science.