

A Level Sociology

Sociologists try to understand human behaviour, studying the way society shapes individual's lives by refusing to take for granted the most obvious day to day experiences of people. Sociology allows students to gain a greater understanding of the complex and simple nature of humans and their societies. By studying societal behaviour, students be able to make comparisons, attempt to solve issues and have a rational perception of some of society's more frustrating habits.

Programme of Study

Year 12		Year 13	
Unit	Assessment Method	Unit	Assessment Method
Families	Paper 1: External	Beliefs in Society	Paper 2: External
Education	Paper 2: External	Crime & Deviance	Paper 3: External
Theory & Methods	Paper 1: External	Theory & Methods	Paper 3: External

Pathways

This qualification offers an engaging and effective introduction to sociology. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by higher education and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. Many of those who study sociology at A level go on to study sociology at university, but psychology, teaching, nursing, law and business have also been chosen pathways over recent years.

Student Quotes

'Sociology has encouraged my love for the study of groups of people and why they interact the way they do. As a result of my years in sociology classes I feel as though I now have a greater understanding of the society we live in and recognise and explain patterns that occur. Theories such as Marxism and feminism have enlightened me on conflicts and discrimination.'

Charlotte

'I feel that studying sociology has helped me think critically about the world we live in and the social issues that surround us every day. I believe sociology enriches student's lives and prepares us for careers in an increasingly diverse world.'

Matilda