

A Level: Sociology

Humanities



Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
Mrs Stokes

Course Title
A-Level Sociology

QAN Code
500/2203/9

Awarding Body
AQA

Number of Units
2 per year

Unit Titles

- 1 Culture and Identity; Families and Households; Wealth, Poverty and Welfare
- 2 Education, Health, Sociological Methods
- 3 Beliefs in Society; Global Development; Mass Media; Power and Politics
- 4 Crime and Deviance; Stratification and Differentiation; Sociological Theory and Research Methods

This course requires a desire on the part of the student to inquire into relationships and institutions within society. The student needs the ability to take an objective view about institutions and values which they may have previously taken for granted.

Students should benefit from an interest in current affairs and be aware of social issues around them.

Studying Sociology should foster the development of critical and reflective thinking and develop skills that enable individuals to focus on their personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society.

It should also develop a lifelong interest in social issues.

The assessment method for all units is a written examination. There is a focus on contemporary society and where appropriate multi-cultural comparative and/or historical material will be introduced.

A level students will participate in researching topics and presenting their findings and should enjoy the interaction and discussion element with like-minded students.

This interesting and demanding A-Level has obvious uses to students considering careers dealing with people but can also benefit students who wish to gain a greater understanding of the society in which they live.

Sociology has been a popular choice for some years with past students entering the caring professions of Social Work or Nursing. Other have gone on to teach or enter the Police Force.

Many have combined their Sociology with *Business Studies*, *Law* or *Psychology* and pursued a career in *management* or *Human Resources*.