



A Level: Sociology

Social and Computer Sciences

Course Facts & Figures at a glance...

Subject Leader
Mrs Black

Course Title
AS and A-Level Sociology

QAN Code
AS: 601/3996/1
A Level: 601/3997/3

Awarding Body
OCR

Number of Units
Two units of study in Year 12 and three units in Year 13.

Unit Titles
Component 1: Socialisation, Culture and Identity
Component 2: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities
Component 3: Debates in Contemporary Society (Y13 only)

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.

Prior Study

No prior study of Sociology is required for taking either the AS or A Level qualification. Many other subjects supplement the study of Sociology, which prides itself on being cross-curricular.

Many of our students go on to study a variety of Social Studies related courses at University, for example: Sociology; Psychology; Research; Education; Social Work; Law; Healthcare, Uniformed Services etc

In Year 12 you will study two components:

- 1: Socialisation, Culture and Identity
- 2: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities

Across both components you will study topics including Socialisation, Culture, Identity, Youth Subcultures, Research Methods and Social Inequalities.

Both components will be externally assessed and will take the following structure:

Component 1 is a written exam and will comprise two sections. It will be assessed through short answers and extended writing. The has a duration of 90 minutes forming 50% of your AS grade.

Component 2 is a written exam and will comprise two sections. It will be assessed through short answers and extended writing. The exam

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In Year 13 you will study three components building upon your knowledge gained in Year 12.

- 1: Socialisation, Culture and Identity
- 2: Researching and Understanding Social Inequalities
- 3: Debates in Contemporary Society

All three components will be externally assessed and will take the following structure:

Component 1 is a written exam and will comprise two sections. It will be assessed through short answers and extended writing. The exam has a duration of 90 minutes forming 30% of your A-Level grade.

Component 2 is a written exam and will comprise two sections. It will be assessed through short answers and extended writing. The exam has a duration of 135 minutes forming 35% of your A-Level grade.

Component 3 is a written exam and will comprise four sections. It will be assessed through short answers and extended writing. The exam has a duration of 135 minutes forming 35% of your A-Level grade.