SOCIOLOGY



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Course: AQA GCE Advanced Level Sociology

<u>Entry Requirements:</u> GCSE English and Maths grade 5 or above.

Aims of the Course:

Sociology is the study of the relationship between the individual and society. Have you ever wondered why people exhibit certain behaviour? Who commits crime and why? How do we become the people that we are? At A Level we study the theoretical frameworks and methods that are used by sociologists to study social behaviour.

Course Content:

The AS and the A Level are two separate qualifications, which are examined in June. Students who take the AS Level can then progress to the A Level within one year and students who study for the A Level will also take the AS Level after one year.

AS Level (one year course)

Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context

Written ninety minute exam

Paper 2: Research Methods and Topics within Sociology (Families and Households)

• Written ninety minute exam

A Level (two year course)

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods

Written two hour exam

Paper 2: Topics within Sociology: Families and Households and Beliefs in Society

• Written two hour exam

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

• Written two hour exam

Assessment:

You will complete a minimum of two graded essays per half term. Assessments will be based on content and exam technique in order to prepare students fully for the exams.

Benefits of Studying Sociology

Sociology is an exciting and relevant course to study. It provides students a range of analytical skills and opportunity to develop a global perspective and a rich level of understanding of the social world.

Career Opportunities:

Sociology is a highly valued course and prepares students for a variety of courses at higher education or entry into a variety of fields, including; Law, Advertising, Police, Journalism, Teaching, Social Work or Criminology.

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