

Sociology

Why study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society and human behaviour. It will help you to develop a broader understanding of the world around you and will encourage critical thinking about the way people live, interact and experience society. By studying Sociology, you will explore important social issues and gain insight into how institutions such as education, the family and the media shapes our lives and influence society.

Entry requirements

A Grade 6 in English at GCSE is required to study Sociology. Strong essay writing and analytical skills are important, as the course involves evaluating different viewpoints, constructing arguments, and interpreting evidence. Curiosity about society and current social issues will ensure success in the subject.

Course content

The course covers a range of topics, including:

- Families and Households
- Research Methods
- Education
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods
- Beliefs in Society

Relevance

Sociology is a highly relevant and sought-after subject in the modern world, helping you to understand the intricacies of society and the issues that affect us. By studying Sociology, you will gain a sophisticated and analytical understanding of how social systems, organisations, and institutions work, and you will become critically aware of your own beliefs and biases.

Career versatility

An A Level in Sociology is desirable for a variety of career paths, including:

- The Police
- Local and central government
- Charitable, counselling, and voluntary organisations
- Public relations, journalism, and communications
- Media and marketing
- Law firms and the criminal justice system

- Teaching and education
- Advertising and management

Academic flexibility and skills developed:

Sociology works well with a variety of subjects, including History, Politics and Psychology. Studying the subject will give you a deep respect and understanding for the world and you will master the ability to scrutinise academic theories and research.