

SUBJECT: Sociology

QUALIFICATION: AS/A2

QUALIFICATION LEVEL:

QUALIFICATION TYPE: Advanced Subsidiary

AWARDING BODY:

CATEGORY:

Qualification Accreditation Number (QAN):

DESCRIPTION

Two year course.

9 teaching hours per fortnight in Year 12 and 13.

Start date is September.

Awarding Body:

AQA – GCE Sociology (2190)

At the end of Year 12 students will gain an AS qualification.

At the end of Year 13 students will gain a full A Level qualification

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

In Year 12 students study two units:

Unit 1:

- Families and Households

Unit 2:

- Education
- Sociological Methods

In Year 13 students study two units:

Unit 3:

- Beliefs in Society

Unit 4:

- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

A GCSE pass of at least a C in GCSE Sociology, although a good pass in another Humanities subject (R.S., Geography, History, Citizenship) would be considered. A genuine interest in topical issues is essential, with the expectation to read around the subject and take an interest in current affairs. The ability to make notes, as well as demonstrating the ability to put forward arguments and

enter into debates, is also required.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

Unit	Level	Assessment Information	% of total GCE marks
Families and Households	AS	Written exam – 1 hour.	20%
Education and Sociological Methods	AS	Written exam –	30%
Beliefs in Society	A2	2 hours.	20%
	A2	Written exam – 1 hour 30 mins.	30%
Crime and Deviance and Theory and Methods		Written exam – 2 hours.	

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

Sociology helps to develop a range of transferable skills which are highly valued by universities and employers. These include the ability to present an argument, handling and synthesising complex information, report writing and social awareness.

There are many courses and careers in which having studied sociology can make a very important contribution.

Courses – Social Studies, Government and Politics, American & European Studies, Business, Economics, Law, Architecture, History, Media Studies.

Careers – Civil Service, teaching, social work, broadcasting and media, the police, heritage industry, leisure and recreational management, architecture, local government etc.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The A-Level course is designed to build upon the skills developed at GCSE level, although it is possible to begin studying A Level Sociology without having done it before. It does compliment other A Level courses such as Psychology, English, Media and History, with some overlap of content.

In lessons we adopt a variety of teaching and learning approaches. These include group presentations, paired work, use of audio-visual material, note-taking, independent research etc.