

SOCIOLOGY A-LEVEL

EXAM BOARD: AQA

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Sociology is an exciting and interesting subject. It is believed to be a response to the rise of the modern nation state and the industrial revolution, a way of studying people and understanding why they behave as they do in industrial society, therefore it is sometimes called the Science of Society. Sociology helps us understand how society is formed of different units and institutions which affect us all as individuals and groups throughout our lives. This includes the type of family we grow up in, our educational experiences and the world of work. We also focus on other topics such as Crime and Deviance in Society and Media and their influence on us. Founders of sociological thinking are Emile Durkheim, Karl Marx and Max Weber.

COURSE CONTENT:

- **Compulsory content**
 - Education
 - Families and Households
 - Crime and Deviance
 - Media
 - Sociological perspectives and theories
 - Research methods

ASSESSMENT:

Assessment is by written examinations; there is no coursework. Students have to write essays which describe and critically analyse content, apply research methods and sociological theories in their work.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES:

The choice is endless! Taking Sociology at A-Level is directly applicable for studying a Sociology or related degree at university in criminology or social work. The careers relevant for a degree in Sociology include; Sociologist, Researcher, Education, Civil Service worker, NHS, Social work, Youth worker, Health and Social care, International aid/development worker, Further education, Family Support Worker, Community Development worker, Criminology, Probation officer, Detective, Charity fundraiser, Housing Manager, PR Officer, Website user experience analyst.

In addition, Sociology is key in people management and a great background to understanding human behaviour in Advertising, Training, Marketing and Sales, Retail Management, Journalism, the Arts, the Criminal Justice System, the Police Service, Social Services and Recruitment for employment.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

English Language GCSE at least at Grade 5.

