

Welcome to the Sociology Department

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Subject Overview

Post 16

A level Sociology offers students the opportunity to develop the essential knowledge and understanding of central aspects of sociological thought and methods. It is designed to encourage students to demonstrate the application of a range of skills and consider the integration of sociological themes: socialisation, culture and identity.

Teaching Aims and Objectives

The department aims to get students to look at the world they live in and to think critically and analytically. Students are taught to analyse sociological studies and theories and to develop their essay writing skills, learning how to put across ideas, support these with relevant essay writing and to identify strengths and weaknesses in these ideas.

Course Information

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Year 13: A level Paper 1 – Education, Methods in Context, and Theory and Methods
A level Paper 2 – Families and Households plus Global Development
A level Paper 3 – Crime and Deviance plus Theory and Methods

Homework Expectations (Including ICT resources and websites)

Students are expected to complete 4 hours of independent study a week. This includes essays and homework set in class, but also independent research, reading and revision.

Essay questions are set each week and in class tests are completed at regular intervals.

The VLE is also a key resource. Lesson materials, work for consolidation and extension materials are uploaded regularly. Students must use this weekly.

Sociology:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192>

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

In Year 12 students have the opportunity to attend a day course by Keith Trobe (a key examiner for AQA) and also to visit the zoo to engage in live observations.

During Year 13 there is an opportunity to visit the courts to aid their understanding of the legal process in relation to their crime and deviance module.

Marking and Assessment

Sixth Form

Students are asked to complete exam questions at least once weekly. This is a combination of short answer questions and longer essay based questions involving extended writing.

Within the course we also complete peer assessment and self-assessment, where students use the mark schemes to assess their own work and others.

Examinations

A level

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/sociology/as-and-a-level/sociology-7191-7192/introduction>

- A level Paper 1, 2 hour exam, Education, Methods in Context, and Theory and Methods, 33.3% of A level mark
- A level Paper 2, 2 hour paper, Families and Households plus Beliefs in Society, 33.3% of A level mark
- A level Paper 3, 2 hour paper, Crime and Deviance plus Theory and Methods, 33.3% of A level mark