

# SOCIOLOGY A-LEVEL

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## For whom is this course suitable?

Sociology is the study of social behaviours, culture, and society as a whole. It is a social science which uses various research methods to develop our understanding of societies. This Sociology A-Level explores the theories surrounding the way society functions and the ways in which different social groups work together. Students will develop analytical and evaluative writing skills, as well as deep-rooted critical thinking skills to compliment many other subjects.

This course will appeal to students who have any interest in group behaviour and how societies work. The topics studied make reference to the experience of everyday life and as such many students find they are studying aspects which they have an awareness of already.

There is no need to have any knowledge of Sociology before commencing the course. Most students quickly get used to the way the subject operates and the language used.

To be eligible for the course students must have gained at least six '5' or above grades.

## What will I learn on this course?

There are four main areas of study:

- Family and Households
- Education
- Beliefs in Society
- Crime and Deviance

In each area, we investigate the process and relationships which operate within it as well as investigating its place in society.

In addition to this, we look at sociological theory and research methods.

## What could I do at the end of my course?

Sociology is about studying the society we **all** live in. It is therefore a very useful subject whatever your plans after your sixth form studies. Most areas of work will accept Sociology as a respectable subject that is relevant to the outside world. A non-exhaustive list of career options are shown below:

- Health and social welfare work
- Teaching
- Media and journalism
- Business/personnel
- Police/legal work
- Politics
- Prison service
- Tourism