



SOCIOLOGY

Course Information

You will require an open mind to study sociology as it's essentially a perspective for viewing the world, analysing how societies shape our beliefs, behaviour and identity, and how this process has changed over time.

Why study Sociology?

1. It will help you understand why we behave the way we do and how people and organisations shape the way we think. It will change the way you view life!
2. It is a fantastic accompanying subject and can be studied with a range of other subjects.
3. It will give you skills to increase your employability after A Levels.

By selecting this option you will be involved in a subject which will invite you to explore and challenge a number of different views on society, including your own!

Paper 1: Education with theory and methods

Social class and education

Why do males and females perform differently in education?

How do sociologists investigate education?

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology / Families and households

How the family has changed over the last 100 years

The impact of female employment on the family

Roles of males and females in the family

Beliefs in Society

Secularisation and society

The differences between science and religion as belief systems

Religious organisations including cults and sects and their relationship with belief and practice

Paper 3: Crime and deviance with theory and methods

Crime control and surveillance and the role of the criminal justice system

Globalisation and crime

Patterns and trends in crime

How is Sociology different to Psychology?

Sociology looks at how individuals behave in certain situations and how people in society are different whereas Psychology looks at how individuals think, learn and respond to external stimuli.

External visits

This year Sociology and Psychology students went to Alton Towers to work with undergraduates from the University of Staffordshire. The activity was to look at a crime (Sociology topic) and explain who committed it using 'forensic' testing (Psychology topic).

Career Pathway

This subject will be valuable in a number of different careers, particularly for those who are considering working with people, for example, teaching, social work, human resources and caring professions.

From the exam board: "A Level Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Universities recognise that sociology A Level provides students with a very good



foundation in social, political and policy knowledge. Sociology is regarded as a demanding and rigorous A Level which combines well with any other combination of subjects. Sociology students go on to a wide range of jobs in policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in the service sector. Graduates of sociology have higher Levels of employment than many other subjects”.

Should you like to receive any additional information on this course please contact Miss Catherine Llewellyn, Head of Department.