



Sociology

AQA

Joint Head of Department:

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Introduction to the course

Sociology is well suited to those students who wish to develop an understanding and awareness of the society in which we live. Moral and social issues are central to the study of sociology and students will be expected to 'think for themselves' in areas in which there are sometimes no right or wrong answers. Students must be prepared to take part in formal discussion, group work and presentations. Assessment will be topic-based using past examination questions and short answer assignments. Success in English at GCSE will be useful for A Level Sociology.

Course structure and content

The A Level course is linear with 3 examination papers at the end of year 2:

Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods;

Education, Methods in Context, Theory and Methods

Paper 2: Topics in Sociology;

Section A - Families and Households

Section B - Beliefs in Society

Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods;

Crime and Deviance, Theory and Methods



Each exam will be 2 hours and worth 80 marks and 33.3% of A Level. Papers 1 and 3 contain a mix of short answer and extended writing questions. Paper 2 contains only extended writing questions.

Entrance requirements

Automatic entry: Grade 6 in GCSE English and Grade 6 in a humanities subject (if taken)

Students not achieving this entrance requirement may on occasion be admitted by interview, based on academic performance, approach to learning and course suitability.

Progression routes

Sociology qualifications are accepted as an entry qualification to universities. Students are able to progress to a wide range of subjects at university from the social sciences to humanity-based courses. Employment opportunities range from the obvious, such as social work and social care, to business management and administration and journalism. Sociology is recognised as an excellent qualification for all careers that have as their central theme the care and welfare of individuals.

Further information

Your course teachers are Mrs Balloo and Miss Crowther-Green who can be contacted on the number below.

How to apply

You can download an application form by visiting the Sixth Form area of the school website at:

www.waseleyhills.worcs.sch.uk

Otherwise, contact us direct on 0121 457 4767.

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