

Nower Hill 6th Form:

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SOCIOLOGY AQA A Level



Who is the course for?

If you are the type of person whose mind is open to the possibilities that things are not as they seem, questions traditional values that are deemed acceptable within society and more importantly want to know why we hold these values to be true, then Sociology is for you. You will need to be able to analyse statistics, find patterns in seemingly disconnected sub-cultures and develop an understanding of sociological theory. You will also be interested in the world around you, engage in critical debate and regularly read and watch the news.

What can it lead to?

Sociology can help towards a university degree in many of the Social Sciences including Sociology, Psychology and Anthropology. Sociology careers range from journalism and media research to law, politics, education, business and social work.

What are the entry requirements?

You are not required to have studied Sociology in advance, but if you studied Sociology as a GCSE subject, you must have achieved Grade C or above. Sociology involves a significant amount of written work (mainly essays) so you should enjoy and feel confident in extended writing. We would recommend that you take at least one other subject that involves a significant amount of reading and essay writing.

What will I Study?

You will study what is meant by the term society and Sociology's place in helping to determine the human need to be part of a collective conscience. You will complete three units focusing on the Sociology of Education, Sociology of Crime and Topics in Sociology. You will also learn about the role of research methodology in Sociology.

How will I be taught?

You will be provided with a multitude of case studies for all the modules studied. You will be taught how to use sociological terminology and theory. Much of the learning will take place through reading, debate and critical analysis of sociological issues, as well as group and individual presentations and structured essay writing, including regular exam practice and assessment.

How will I be assessed?

Exams 100%

What equipment or materials will I need?

AQA A-Level Sociology Book 1 by Webb, Westergaard, Trobe and Townend. We also strongly advise students to purchase the latest edition of AQA A Level Sociology Themes & Perspectives by Haralambos & Holborn (Year 1 & Year 2) as these will be used across both years of the A-Level. Students will also need a range of organisational stationery including a lever arch folder, dividers, highlighters and pens.

Are there any links to other courses?

Sociology can either be defined as a Social Science or a Humanities subject and since the majority of what we learn is defined or influenced by people and the societies they live in, there are links to Business Studies, Economics, Government & Politics, History and Geography.