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# Sociology

**Exam Board:** AQA

**Contact Teacher:** Miss R Higgins

## Why study Sociology?

Sociology is the study of human society and it affects everyone. 'Why' is the main question we ask? We all live in the world, live in nations, live in towns and live in families. Why is there crime, education, culture and the mass media? What do they serve? Why do we live the way we live?

This course has been designed so that candidates will acquire the essential knowledge and understanding of central aspects of Sociological thought and methods, together with a range of skills. This course lays an appropriate foundation for further study in Sociology and related subjects in higher education.

## Course details

### AS level

**Unit 1:** Families and Households

**Unit 2:** Education

### A2 level

**Unit 3:** Mass Media

**Unit 4:** Crime and Deviance

## How is the course taught and assessed?

It is a subject which requires students to understand the material as well as the way to interpret and evaluate it. The most important thing is to bring an open-mind and the ability to think 'outside the box'.

Throughout AS and A level, the course is taught in a way that lets students open their minds, think critically, question things, evaluate their usefulness and practise good examination techniques.

## Entry requirements

Anyone intending to take Sociology at A level will be expected to have achieved 6 GCSEs at grade C or above including English Language and Mathematics.