

SOCIOLOGY

AQA 7192

How am I assessed?

There are three exam papers carrying equal weighting that are all sat at the end of the second year.

Assessments are mostly extended writing/essays in which students are required to demonstrate their knowledge as well as application, analysis and evaluation skills.

All three exams have a standard format which students will become accustomed to during their studies.

Introduction to Sociology

Sociology is the study of society, people and their behaviour. It examines the ways in which social structures and institutions shape our world and attempts to explain the different forces and influences that create the society in which we live.

Students will be equipped with the skills and foundations of Sociology. Throughout the two years they will study the sociological theories and perspectives that underpin the subject. They will use these to assess and debate the course topics as well as current affairs.

Sociological research methods are also taught across the two years so that students can appreciate the way in which sociological research is conducted and how research can have an impact on government policies and initiatives.

Throughout the course students will have ample opportunity to voice their opinions, debate and explore issues within modern day society.

Personal Qualities

There is no requirement for students to have studied Sociology previously at GCSE, for most students this is a completely "new" subject and therefore it is important to do some research into what the subject entails prior to starting the course.

You will study...

The following topics will be studied in Year 12:

- Education
- Families and Households
- Theory and Methods (part 1)

These topics are found in Paper 1 and Paper 2 of the A-Level.

The following topics will be studied in Year 13:

- Beliefs
- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and Methods (part 2)

These topics are found in Paper 2 and Paper 3 of the A-Level. There will also be a significant period of revision time in Year 13 when all topics are covered.

Where might Sociology take me?

Skills and knowledge developed throughout this course are valued for many degree courses at university.

Typical career sectors for Sociology include:

Social/Market Research, Media and Journalism, Law, Politics and Social Policy, Business, Health, Teaching and Education Policy.

Many universities offer Sociology degrees as well as combined courses whereby students can study Sociology alongside another subject such as Psychology, Criminology, English or Biology.

Sociology links well with...

Sociology combines well with many study areas!

Psychology, English Literature and Language, Religious Studies, History, Business Studies are traditional partners, but it also is useful for those wanting Medical or Healthcare careers.

Independent reading and learning is required. It will be important for students to keep up to date with current issues and affairs such as by reading newspapers or watching the news.