

# Sociology

ACADEMIC  
& APPLIED

Level 3  
A Level Course Leader: Mrs T Pike

## Entry requirements

- Level 6 or above in English and level 4 in a humanities subject
- A keen interest in how our social world works
- A taste for controversial ideas and debate

## Why choose this course?

Sociology is a subject that students can relate to. It's interesting and relevant to everyday lives, meaning you can immediately engage with the topics even if you haven't studied Sociology before. It is a subject which encourages you to develop excellent thinking skills and a real respect for the social diversity around you – useful skills for Higher Education and working life. Above all, Sociology asks real and challenging questions about the society we live in. Sociology can be studied successfully alongside the range of advanced level subjects on offer.

## Web Links

[www.aqa.org](http://www.aqa.org)  
[www.sociology.uk.net](http://www.sociology.uk.net)  
[www.s-cool.co.uk](http://www.s-cool.co.uk)

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**What does the course involve?**

Sociology helps us understand how our society works. It looks at class, education, achievement, families and the roles that all these play in how it functions. It asks questions about how they interlink and the effect they have both individually and collectively. We look at who achieves and who doesn't, criminal behaviour, women, media and deviance. If any of this interests you then sociology is for you!

**Year 1 : Compulsory content**

Education  
methods in context  
Research methods  
**Optional content**  
Families and households

**Year 2 : Compulsory content**

Crime and deviance  
Theory and methods  
**Optional content**  
The media

**Possible career pathway**

Sociology students are welcomed by Higher Education institutions - it has been taught at universities since the beginning of the 20th Century - and in many areas of the world of work. Sociologists are to be found in all walks of life, taking up careers, for example, in the police force, social work, human resources, management, teaching, nursing, market research and the civil service.

*Note: This is our current offer which is subject to change*

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