

Sociology

AQA

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Entry Requirements

NHGS Sixth Form entry requirements.

Aims of the Course

Sociology allows students to explore a range of contemporary issues from a variety of competing perspectives. We are interested in how experiences of class, gender and ethnicity impact the lives of members of our society both today and historically.



Course structure and content

Five units taught by two teachers over two years.

Unit 1 - Education

Exploration of the function of the education system in our society today and the impact of educational policies.

Unit 2 - Families and Households

Competing perspectives on the role of the nuclear family and how it affects the experiences of children growing up in contemporary Britain.

Unit 3 - Crime and Deviance

An exploration of a range of theories of who commits crime and why, including contemporary criminology theory.

Unit 4 - Media

The media unit focuses on issues of representation, production and reception of media texts whilst considering a range of theoretical perspectives.

Unit 5 - Theory and Methods

The grounding of all sociological theory, an academic exploration of competing theoretical perspectives and their impact on society.

Assessment

At the end of the Lower 6th, students sit an exam on all of the Lower 6th content. This does not count towards the final grade, but assesses the content at this half-way point before progression to the Upper 6th.

The final assessments at the end of the Upper 6th are as below:

Assessment 1 - 33% 2 hour written paper based on units 1 and 5 (80 marks).

Assessment 2 - 33% 2 hour written paper based on units 2 and 4 (80 marks).

Assessment 3 - 33% 2 hour written paper based on units 3 and 5 (80 marks)

Future career opportunities

Sociology can lead to further study in Sociology or a variety of wider subjects and careers, including but not limited to Medicine, Social Work, Healthcare, Education, Research, Politics, Law and Law Enforcement.



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