



SUBJECT: Sociology A Level

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:
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EXAM BOARD AND SYLLABUS NUMBER:
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SYNOPSIS OF CONTENT:

There are four different parts to this course
The course is based on four modules: the family, the sociology of education, media and crime and deviance.
Topics covered in these modules include:
-Why girls do better than boys in the education system?
-Why is the divorce rate so high in modern Britain?
-The relationship between media output and audience response.
-The impact of Globalisation.
-What types of people commit crime and why?
-Which theoretical models give the most accurate and plausible account

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

Sociology is the study of society and individuals. It is suitable for students who have open, enquiring minds and enjoy debating contemporary issues. Theoretical and political perspectives are applied to the study of topics listed above.

SELF STUDY ADVICE / USEFUL WEBSITES:

A wider knowledge and understanding of society is essential and students must be keen on keeping up to date with news and current affairs. As members of society all students should come to the course equipped with some social knowledge, but through the study of Sociology they will develop a deeper understanding and examine issues that directly affect life in Britain and other areas of the world.

HOW IS IT ASSESSED?

Paper 1: Education with theory and methods: A two hour written exam, 80 marks, (33.3%)
Paper 2: Topics in Sociology: Families, household and the media: A two hour written exam, 80 marks, (33.3%)
Paper 3: Crime and deviance with theory and methods:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION / CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

You will learn how to investigate contemporary issues and think in new ways, looking at situations from different perspectives. You will be encouraged to evaluate media sources with a critical eye as well as developing your essay writing skills.

SPECIFIC MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the Sixth Form matriculation requirements, students must have at least a GCSE grade 6 or above in a Humanities subject. It would be an advantage to have at least a grade 6 or better in English Language.