



Welcome to Sociology

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What is Sociology ?

- Sociology is the study of society and how it effects the individuals within it
- How groups / people around us effect our lives
- From family and education in early years to politicians, religion, crime and the media later on in life
- All play a role in effecting our life and the opportunities / influences we experience

AQA A Level Sociology

- Linear course
- 3 x 2 hour exams at end of Year 2
- Education and Research Methods (2 hours) (study in Year 1)
- Families and Households (Year 1) / Beliefs in Society (Year 2)(2 hours)
- Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods (2 hours) (study in Year 2)

What sort of person studies Sociology?

- Someone who :-
- Is **INTERESTED** in the world around them
- **QUESTIONS** why things are the way they are
- Is **OPEN** to different ideas and enjoys debating them
- No experience is necessary but Sixth Form entry requirements need to be met (English, RE, History essay based subjects may be a good guide)
- Enjoys Essay writing which is a key component – but we can work on this together

What can you gain from Sociology?

- A wide variety of skills including :-
 - **Knowledge and Understanding** of a range of theories and research
 - **Analysis** of importance of different reasons why things occur
 - **Application** of ideas to problems faced in society (link to Policies etc)
 - **Evaluating** different perspectives on certain issues
 - An overall ability to appreciate different views and opinions in the world (crucial given the world we live in)



Why Sociology ?

- An INTERESTING and ENJOYABLE subject
- About the WORLD WE LIVE IN
- Developing an understanding of WHY THINGS HAPPEN and how we can influence things in democratic process
- A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT where you develop as a whole person



Why Sociology ? (Results)

Results – in my experience have always been excellent

- **2022 – 78% A*-B, 100% A*-C**
- **2023 – 56% A*-B (despite only 50% target), 100% A*-E**
- **2024 – 53% A*-B (above national average), 73% A*-C, 100% A*-E**
- **2025 – 64% A*-B, 91% A*-C (way above national average 49% & 77%), , 100% A*-E**

Why Sociology ? (Progression)

- Many students go on to University to study Sociology or related disciplines eg Social Work, Criminology, Political Science, Social Policy
- But also good preparation for other Higher Education routes – Teaching, Law, Media, History, Geography, English, RE and Philosophy
- Also provides many transferable skills for employment / Apprenticeship options eg Social Work, Education, Crime – Police, Law, Media work etc

Success built on :-

- Teaching that is well planned, organised and interesting
- Support that celebrates success and helps when students find sections difficult (Revision support / Coursework clinics)
- Positive relationships with students with whom we share the objective of success for them as individuals
- Developing links with parents to support in this process and keep informed of progress
- **THE BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL SIXTH FORM (someone we know and one of around 200 rather than one of thousands)**

Importance for you

- Whilst confident in our ability to provide an excellent education in a range of different subjects within the Faculty
- The most important thing is the STUDENT and what SUITS THEM
- Lots of information – any further queries – ask at end or contact me at the school at any time

Ask questions / email

- If you have any further questions please come and see me or email Miss M Dawson for more information

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