



TO LEARN TO ACHIEVE

A-LEVEL

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# A-LEVEL SOCIOLOGY

## EXAM BOARD: AQA

### WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociology is the study of Society, the 'social world'. Sociology looks beyond the day to day and asks what the real nature of Society is, why does it function like it does and for whose benefit? Sociology is not about simply presenting facts and statistics.

Instead it is about different interpretations of those facts and explanations for why they occur

### WHAT WILL I LEARN ON THIS COURSE?

Within each core unit you will engage with a range of contemporary issues such as:

- **Families and Households:** Will society benefit from an ageing population? Is childhood toxic?
- **Education:** Why does the gender gap in educational achievement persist? Does your home background affect educational achievement?
- **Research Methods:** Is it ever acceptable to research people without their consent?
- **Global Development**
- **Crime and Deviance:** Can crime be beneficial to society? In the criminal justice system racist?
- **Theory:** Is sociology a science? Do we live in a post-modern world?

### WHAT KIND OF STUDENT IS THIS COURSE SUITABLE FOR?

The subject is not easy and some of the ideas are hard to grasp at first so you must be resilient.

You must also be prepared to:

- Regularly read newspapers and watch the news.
- Participate in class discussions
- Produce extended pieces of writing

### WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW OR BE ABLE TO DO BEFORE TAKING THIS COURSE?

- You do not need to have previously studied Sociology, although an interest in understanding the world around you is essential.
- During the course you will need to support arguments with appropriate examples drawn from recent events in society so it is important you engage with the news or read newspapers.
- We require you to have gained a 5 grade or above in English and enjoy extended writing.

### HOW USEFUL IS SOCIOLOGY?

Sociologists are trained to think critically about the world around them and to construct clear and logical arguments supported by appropriate evidence. There are many careers where sociology is an important and useful qualification, including professions such as Journalism, the Police and the legal profession.

Sociology is also not just about learning the content of the course; it is about interacting with new ideas and acquiring life skills that help us to develop as people.

Sociology combines well with many other subjects, particularly Psychology, English and History.

### WHAT COULD I GO ON TO DO AT THE END OF THE COURSE?

You might go to university to study social science courses such as criminology, social policy, social statistics and demography.

You might go into a job related to young people, probation and offending, family/community services, teaching and a variety of other related fields.

You might use the subject to go to university to study something very different but where the skills and experiences you have gained are very useful.

**“WHATEVER SOCIOLOGY MAY BE, IT IS THE RESULT OF CONSTANTLY ASKING THE QUESTION, WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?”**

C. WRIGHT MILLS.