

A Level Sociology

Sociology is the study of societies, people and their behaviour. Sociologists investigate the links between what society makes of us and what we make of ourselves. Sociology examines contemporary society where students study many aspects of life in modern Britain. Students need to be prepared to enter the class ready to discuss their analysis of event and be challenged on these.

Course Details

Family and Households:

What different types of family there are? What are the changing family patterns? What impact has to increase of divorce and single parent families had on society? What do feminists, functionalists and Marxists think of the family and its role within society? How has childhood changed over time? Has childhood improved or got worse over time? Are husbands and wives equal today? The impact on families of government policies and law.

Education Unit:

Different explanations of the role of the education system; different explanations of the different educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity; relationships and processes within schools, with particular reference to teacher/pupil relationships, pupil subcultures, the hidden curriculum and the organisation of teaching and learning; the significance of state policies for an understanding of the role, impact and experience of education.

The Media Unit:

The new forms of media and their significance for an understanding of the role of the media in contemporary society. The relationship between ownership and control of the media and the processes of selection and presentation of the content of the news. The media representations of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability and the relationship between the media, their content and presentation, and audiences.

Crime and Deviance Unit:

Different crimes are studied in terms of their impact on the modern world and the theories behind crime. The relationship between crime and globalisation, the control, prevention, punishment, and the social composition of crime as well as research methods.

When?

Start date: September.

Duration: 2 years.

Delivery: Part of a full-time programme.

Availability: Current and continuing.

Who can do it?

Age range: 16 – 19

SEN target: None.

Entry Requirements: Five 4 grades including English and Maths.

Career Information:

You could take this course with other advanced level courses to prepare for higher education in one or more of the Social Sciences such as Sociology, Development Studies, Anthropology or more general higher education courses. With further training, you could go into a job related to Sociology and people such as a Social Worker, Teacher, Social Researcher or a more general position working within the Social Services.

More information?

Contact Mrs Birch or Mr Grantham.