

SOCIOLOGY

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...is an established subject at A Level. Teaching staff are enthusiastic and passionate about the subject. We have had a 100% pass rate at A Level for over 10 years. The course is particularly interesting for students who have noticed how social class, gender, ethnicity disability and age impact on life chances.

A Level Sociology follows the AQA specification.

Paper 1 - 2-hour exam on Education, Methods in Context and Theories and Methods.

This topic includes;

the role and functions of the education system, differential educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity, relationships and processes within schools, the significance of educational policies, the impact of globalisation on educational policy.

Paper 3 - 2-hour exam on Crime and Deviance and Theories and Methods.

The Crime and Deviance topic includes;

crime, deviance, social order and social control, the social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class, globalisation and crime in contemporary society; the media and crime; green crime; human rights and state crimes, crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies.

Theories (the fundamental ideas sociologists have about how society impacts behaviour) **and methods** (the ways they find out about behaviour) are studied throughout the course with a basic introduction at the start of the course and then more detailed revisits throughout.

Paper 2 - 2-hour exam on Families and Households and Belief Systems

The Families and Households topic includes;

the relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, changing patterns of marriage, cohabitation, separation, divorce, childbearing and the life course, gender roles, domestic labour and power relationships within the family, the nature of childhood, and changes in the status of children, demographic trends in the United Kingdom since 1900

The Media topic includes;

New media and an understanding of the role of the media in contemporary society; the relationship between ownership and control of the media; the media, globalisation and popular culture; processes of selection and presentation of the content of the news; media representations of age, social class, ethnicity, gender, sexuality and disability; the relationship between the media, their content and presentation, and audiences.

What are the entry requirements?

It is essential that you have at least 5 GCSE's, grades 5 or above. It is helpful if English, History/Geography, Media Studies or RE have been studied successfully. An interest in current affairs and the world around you is advised.



What other subjects link well?

The subject goes well with Health and Social Care, English, Media Studies, Psychology, Law, Politics, History and Geography.

What specific skills will I learn?

How to write extended essays.

How to analyse data.

Understanding of the world from different perspectives

Opportunity to develop your discussion skills.

What career paths would this lead to?

Teaching, journalism, social work, health nursing, police and the law, business and retail sector work and public sector jobs to name but a few.



Quotes from students

Becca Wilson, Year 13 2022, quoted 'Sociology has given me the understanding of society and different societal behaviours'.

Karolina Rostkowska, Year 13 2022 said 'Sociology allows individuals to broaden their view on important issues and investigate the intricacies of the impact these issues have on life in contemporary society.'

Katie Brown, Year 13 2022 said 'You'll see the world and society in a new light.'

Any questions please speak to Mrs Brown by calling into T26 or emailing lab@malbank.cheshire.sch.uk