

A Level Sociology

at The Warriner School



Sociology A level

Exam Board—AQA

Entry requirements: English Grade 5, 6 in Sociology if taken at GCSE (although it is not necessary to take it at GCSE)

Sociologists tackle some of the most pressing problems confronting humanity. Sociology examines the workings of our everyday world and attempts to make a difference. It equips you with a new way of interacting with the world for the rest of your life. Absolutely everything can be looked at from a sociological perspective. You might say everything is sociology. Sociology isn't always comfortable and it shows us things we'd perhaps like to hide from. But crucially, it gives us rough sketches, not finished maps. It's for you to shape.

Progression

Sociology leads to a wide range of careers such as: Teaching, Government Advisors, Social Work, Police Officer, Journalism, Lawyer, Human Resource Management, Acting and many more. The skills learnt in an A-Level in Sociology are valued highly by universities and employers.

Unit Content

Core themes are covered in both YR12/13, such as socialisation, cultural diversity, class, age, gender and ethnicity.

Some of the topics included are:

Sociology of Families & Households

What are the changes that the family is going through? Why are fewer people getting married? Why are more getting divorced? Is the family always a good thing? How do people organise the jobs to be done within the family?

Sociology of Education

What is the purpose of education? What would society be like if we didn't go to school? Which groups of students do best in education? Which groups do least well?

Sociology of Crime & Deviance

What's the difference between crime and deviance? Why do people commit crime? Why do some groups commit more or less crime than others? How can we reduce crime? What should we do with people who commit crime?

Paper 1 - Education with Theory and Methods	How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 80 marks
Paper 2 Topics in Sociology: Families & Households (40 marks) and Beliefs in Society (40 marks)	How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 80 marks
Paper 3 Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods	How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 2 hours• 80 marks