



SOCIOLOGY

QUALIFICATION A Level

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You do not need to have any prior sociological knowledge before starting this course. It is required that you have gained a GCSE grade 6 or above English. During the course you will need to be able to communicate effectively and research information from a variety of sources. You will be expected to develop good essay writing skills, using case studies to support your opinions and those of others.

What will I learn on this A Level course?

- An introduction to the key concepts and core themes of Sociology;
- An understanding of sociological methodology and a range of research methods;
- An opportunity to develop your understanding and sociological awareness through discussion of contemporary issues;
- A development of citizenship skills which will help in adult life;
- You will study topics such as: culture and identity, the family, crime and deviance, social inequalities and globalisation.

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

This course is suitable for a wide range of students, with different backgrounds and experiences. You might be:

- interested in studying social sciences at a higher level, for example at University;
- thinking of following a career in an area of social policy - e.g. health, social care, education, family and community services;
- seeking to broaden a vocational course such as Health and Social Care;
- wanting a course that will complement other subjects such as English, Business Studies or Psychology.

What could I go on to do at the end of my course?

- You might go to university or college to study for higher qualifications in the social sciences, humanities or vocational subjects;
- You might go into training in a wide range of occupations, including jobs related to health, social work and social care, journalism in all its forms, business administration, management, family and community services, training, employment and unemployment services, housing, disability services and a range of local authority functions, including education.