



Sociology A-Level at Barr's Hill School

Course description

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How the way you see yourself determines the way people identify you? Whether men or women are more likely to commit a crime? AS and A-level Sociology will help you to make sense of the society we live in and understand the cultural and identity issues which affect us all. You will learn a number of skills including the use of evidence to support your arguments, how to investigate facts, and critical thinking. It is relevant to the society you live in so you will enjoy learning about topics that are relevant to everyday life and it opens the door to a fantastic range of interesting careers.

Course content

Whether you're studying for the AS or the A-level, your first year will cover the same topic areas. In year 1, you will consider the role of education in society, learn how to conduct sociological research and study an optional topic of either culture and identity, families and households, health and work, poverty and welfare.

In the second year of the A-level you'll broaden your understanding of society. You'll learn about criminal and deviant behaviour, theory and methods and an optional topic of either beliefs in society, global development, the media or stratification and differentiation.

Entry requirements

Standard Academic Advanced entry requirements of 5x Grade 5+ including English and Maths.

Assessment

There are two exams at AS each worth 50% of your AS qualification. Each exam lasts for 1 hour 30 minutes and is worth 60 marks. The exams consist of short answer and extended writing questions.

At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level grade. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 80 marks each. The exams consist of a mixture of short answer and extended writing questions.

Future opportunities

A-level Sociology leads to many future career options, especially if you continue to study the subject at university. These include social work, human resources, advertising, youth work, youth justice, crime prevention, policing, marketing, journalism, law and teaching.