



DRAYTON MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

ADVANCED LEVEL COURSE 2020-2022

Sociology

Specification AQA

Entry Requirements

Grade 5 in Sociology GCSE or a Grade 5 in English GCSE if Sociology not studied.

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

You do not need to have studied Sociology at GCSE in order to take an A Level course in the subject. It is more important that you should have a lively and enquiring mind, an interest in the world around you and in asking questions, a desire to explore new ideas and an ability to communicate your ideas effectively.

What will I learn on this course?

The debates around different sociological perspectives on society.

The impact of society on the individual.

How to conduct sociological research effectively.

About contemporary social issues.

To question to status quo and discuss ways to improve society for the better.

How is the course structured?

Unit	Title	Weighting	Assessment Type
1	Education and Methods in Context	33%	Exam
2	Topics in Sociology: Families and Beliefs	33%	Exam
3	Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods	33%	Exam

What skills will I develop by doing this course?

This course will enable you to develop some key skills, which will be essential to you whatever you go on to do afterwards. The key skills you can develop during this course are

- Knowledge and Understanding
- Application
- Analysis
- Evaluation
- Communication
- Team Work
- Debating
- Extended writing

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

The course will appeal to students who

- Have an interest in social inequality and changing society for the better.
- Enjoy theoretical, political and philosophical debates about the role of the individual in society.
- Are interested in the law and social policy.
- Are keen to understand different types of identities and how they work together or come into conflict.
- Are interested in undertaking social research to learn more about the world.

- Enjoys critical thinking and asking challenging questions about the world.

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

Students with A Level Sociology have access to a wide range of possible career and higher education opportunities. These may include but are not limited to

- Law
- Criminology
- Teaching
- Academia
- Politics
- Economics
- Media
- Social Work