



Welcome to the Nishkam Sociology department

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Head of Department welcome

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Photo tour of department



What you can expect in your Sociology lessons



The study of sociology focuses on contemporary society; it provides students with an awareness of how social structure such as the family, media, religion and the education system can influence our behaviour. Sociologists learn to develop their ability to sensitively interpret theories alongside data in order engagement in political, legal and social debates about the world. You can expect to:

- acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of social processes and social changes
- appreciate the significance of theoretical and conceptual issues in sociological debate
- understand and evaluate sociological methodology and a range of research methods through active involvement in the research process
- develop skills that enable individuals to focus on their personal identity, roles and responsibilities within society
- develop a lifelong interest in social, political, legal and cultural issues

What you will study in Sociology



AQA Sociology Specification Overview / Curriculum Map

- **Exam Board:** AQA
- **Course Codes:** 7191 (AS' Level) / 7192 (A' Level)

AS Level Sociology		A Level Sociology		
Paper 1: Education with Methods in Context	Paper 2: Research Methods and Topics in Sociology	Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods	Paper 2: Topics in Sociology	Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
Content - • Education • Methods in Context	Content - • Methods • Families and Households	Content - • Education • Methods in Context • Theory and Methods	Content - • Families and Households • Beliefs in Society	Content - • Crime and Deviance • Theory and Methods
Assessment – • 1 hour 30 min Written Exam • 60 marks • 50% of AS Level	Assessment – • 1 hour 30 min Written Exam • 60 marks • 50% of AS Level	Assessment – • 2 hour Written Exam • 80 marks • 33.3% of A Level	Assessment – • 2 hour Written Exam • 80 marks • 33.3% of A Level	Assessment – • 2 hour Written Exam • 80 marks • 33.3% of A Level
Questions - 2 compulsory sections all requiring written answers Education: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks	Questions - 2 sections – all compulsory from section 1, section 2 offers a choice of 4 topics. Students answer 1 Topic from section 2 Section A: short answer and extended writing, 20 marks Section B: short answer and extended writing, 40 marks	Questions - 3 compulsory sections all requiring written answers Education: short answer and extended writing, 50 <u>marks</u> Methods in Context: extended writing, 20 marks Theory and Methods: extended writing, 10 marks	Questions - 2 sections each offering a choice of 4 topics. Students answer 1 Topic from each Section Section A: extended writing, 40 marks Section B: extended writing, 40 marks	Questions - 2 compulsory sections all requiring written answers Crime and Deviance: short answer and extended writing, 50 marks Theory and Methods: extended writing, 30 marks

An example topic from Sociology



Crime and deviance

- crime, deviance, social order and social control
- the social distribution of crime and deviance by ethnicity, gender and social class, including recent patterns and trends in crime
- globalisation and crime in contemporary society
- crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies

Where can Sociology take you?



Students who take Sociology often also study, Psychology, Economics, Business Studies, Geography, English, Law and Politics.

Career Options

- International aid development worker
- Lawyer
- Civil service – research and development
- Data analyst
- Journalism
- Political correspondence
- Counsellor
- Social worker
- University lecturer
- Teacher



What we expect from you

Learn to demonstrate **knowledge and understanding** of sociological theories and research methods. Develop the ability to **apply** knowledge and understanding of evidence to a range of issues and **evaluate** knowledge to present sound arguments.

Above all, you are expected to form **synoptic links**, showing connections between ideas from one topic to another, and seeing connections between aspects of key topic such as:

- the relationship of the family to the social structure and social change, with particular reference to the economy and to state policies
- the significance of religion and religiosity in the contemporary world, including the nature and extent of secularisation in a global context, and globalisation and the spread of religions.
- the nature of science and the extent to which sociology can be regarded as scientific
- differences in the educational achievement of social groups by social class, gender and ethnicity in contemporary society
- crime control, surveillance, prevention and punishment, victims, and the role of the criminal justice system and other agencies

Student perceptions



“Sociology has been an interesting subject to study because it helps you to view the world through the perspectives of different theorists; building a critical train of thought. Building a critical train of thought is essential if you’re looking to continue studying into higher education. I study Sociology in combination with Psychology which tends to overlap with one another. Learning the combination of these subjects may help you to understand both subjects better. I plan on using the skills I have learnt from studying these subjects to help pursue my aspirations of studying Psychology after completing my A levels.” – Covleen

“Sociology is my favourite A-level subject. We have amazing class debates and what I love most is the fact that we can apply what we learn in the classroom to the outside world”! - Gian

“I enjoy studying Sociology with miss Silvera. Not only does she make the lesson 10x more fun by embedding her own stories and giving life advice, but she also teaches you some valuable educational skills such as, useful ways to improve your writing.” – Jasmin

Studying Sociology has broadened my knowledge of the different functions structures play in society.” – Inderpreet

Sociology a social science, is a very intellectual and interesting subject. Educating and expanding your knowledge on social behavior, society, patterns of social relationships, social interaction, and cultures enables further understanding on issues that surround everyday life. It directs attention to how the parts of society fit together and change, as well as makes us aware of the consequences of that social change. This is such an enjoyable subject to learn that helps contribute to a further understanding of societal issues. It is one of my favourites. – Riya



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**We look forward to welcoming
many of you to our classrooms in
September 2021**