

## Sociology

#### **Overview**

This is a very popular, interesting and highly relevant course which provides a general introduction to the discipline of Sociology.

In simple terms, Sociology is the study of social behaviour – the way people behave in groups, rather than as individuals. Sociologists are particularly interested in how different groups in society are changing and how this might affect the process of socialisation.

Students will gain essential knowledge and understanding of sociological thought and methods, together with the application of a range of skills. No prior learning is necessary for candidates to undertake this course.

#### **Assessment**



#### **Examining Board**

**WJEC** 

### Requirements

Students who have gained grade C or above in GCSE English Language, History or similar will find that those skills will suitably equip them for the study of this specification.

### **Departmental Staff**

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"Sociology has given me a valuable insight into how and why society functions as it does. It has allowed me to understand different social backgrounds and opened a new way of thinking to me"

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## **Course Outline**

The scheme of assessment has a modular structure. The AS award comprises 2 units with assessment at the end of Year 12. Those students wishing to continue with this subject at A2 will study a further 2 units in Year 13 to gain the full GCE Advanced Level Award.

The course content is as follows:-

AS - Year 12

Unit 1 – Acquiring Culture

Unit 2 – Understanding society and methods of sociological enquiry.

A2 - Year 13

Unit 4 – Power and Control Unit 4 – Inequality and applied methods of sociological enquiry.

# Career and Progression Opportunities

This course lays an appropriate foundation for further study of Sociology and related subjects in higher education.

Sociology is recognised by all universities and offers career opportunities in a wide range of areas including social work, local government and teaching.

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