

# Sociology

## GCSE

We're blaming 'society,' yet we are society. So to make it a better place, we must change ourselves first.

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# Think about...



Is the family a place of conflict or harmony



Men commit more crime than women. Why?



You will spend at 15,000 hours of your life in a classroom. Who benefits from this?



Why does poverty exist? How does poverty affect a child's life chances?



# Course Aims



The study of Sociology raises a number of interesting questions:

- What is a “healthy” society?
- Can we predict how society will behave and respond to social change?
- What is the objective evidence base for Sociology as a social science?
- What agencies in society ensure social control? Are they effective?
- Is social class relevant today?
- Why are there inequalities of opportunities in society?
- Is the education system a leveller for social disadvantage?

## Students will:

Draw upon information and evidence from different sources and demonstrate the ability to synthesize them

Analyse and evaluate information and evidence presented in different written, visual and numerical forms

Use sociological theories and evidence to compare and contrast social issues, construct reasoned arguments and debates, make substantiated judgments and draw conclusions



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# Course Outline

## Paper 1

1 hour 45 minutes

100 marks

12, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 mark questions

The Sociological Approach  
Sociological Research Method  
Sociology of Education  
Sociology of Families



## Paper 2

1 hour 45 minutes

100 marks

12, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 mark questions

The Sociological Approach  
Sociological Research  
The Sociology of Crime and Deviance  
Social stratification

100% external assessment, with all examinations taken at the end of the course.



# Links to other subjects

## Cross-Curricular Links

There are strong links with a wide range of subjects including History, Geography, Religious Studies, Economics, Media Studies and Languages.

We recommend that you are taking Sociology with another essay based subject to further refine your skills in structuring excellent answers that are effective in applying and analysing knowledge/evidence, accurate in detail and draw on sociological theories.

An interest in current affairs local, national and international is essential.

# Holcombe Habits



- Continuous learning is developed through the constant addition, development and expansion of previously gained knowledge. For example, learning about the local, national and international communities we have preconceived ideas about and exploring the sociological theories, research findings and collection of social facts into understanding the commonalities and differences between and within cultures and societies.
- Questioning and posing problems are developed through learning about social policy and empirical evidence researching social phenomena, ranging from criminal statistics to the impact of cultural capital in education. Identifying, analysing, evaluating and questioning the social research for validity and reliability and the extent to which the conclusions are generalisation to wider social issues.
- Wonder and awe is developed through the continual layering and gathering of new knowledge about communities, cultural differences, rituals and social mores. Developing a sense of curiosity by recognising the commonalities between societies, inequalities between social groups and the challenges they weather, recently in a global pandemic.



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# Skills needed to succeed in Sociology



- Have good organisation and time management.
- Have perseverance and enthusiasm to learn a whole new subject area, including a new vocabulary.
- To have good cognitive skills – non-routine problem solving, critical thinking and ICT literacy.
- To be able to meet deadlines and hold yourself to account.
- To work independently and with others.
- To have effective communication skills – from active listening, oral and written communication, teamwork and individual presentation skills.
- To be able to interpret, analyse and evaluate quantitative and qualitative data.
- To have an inquisitive mind-set, and listen and learn of views that widen your understanding of the world.
- Have a willingness to research beyond the classroom, being an active learner.
- Have an interest in the wider world, learn about current events as they occur and conduct wider research to learn more about social issues
- Willingness to challenge your mindset of your purpose.



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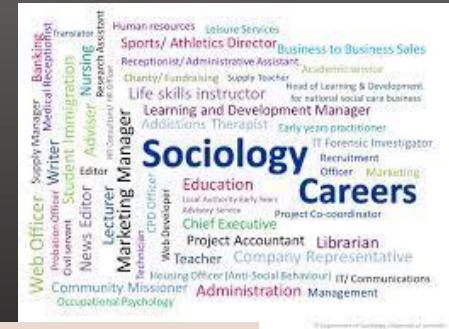
# Career Pathways



You will be working within social groups in whilst in education, life after school, the workplace and in your social setting. Sociology is an invaluable subject with allows you to develop an insight of other social groups and the experiences of the other.

Popular careers for people with Sociology qualifications include:

- The criminal justice system – policing, prison service, probation service
- Education and Teaching - coaching, primary, secondary sectors
- Public service – civil service
- Tourism industry
- Social work and welfare
- Business sales and advertising
- Journalism and current affairs – the media



### Top Jobs for Sociology Majors

 Guidance Counselor	 Human Resources (HR) Representative	 Lawyer
 Media Planner	 Market Research Analyst	 Management Consultant

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# Top 10 Universities For Sociology



University of Cambridge

University of Bristol

London School of Economics

University of Oxford

University of Exeter

University of Bath

University of Edinburgh

King's College, London

University of Lancaster

University of Glasgow



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