

A level Sociology

What board do we do? AQA, Edexcel

What is Sociology? Sociology attempts to explain and understand how societies and groups operate and change, how groups influence the individual, how meanings and interpretations “construct reality” and how social life is influenced by the unintended consequences of human action. Sociologists challenge the taken-for-granted ideas and beliefs that are generally accepted as being true or “common knowledge”. This process can undermine prejudice and misconceptions, develop insights into behaviour, and change (or reinforce) attitudes. When assertions of fact are made, sociologists ask, “What is the evidence?” In A Level sociology, students will learn to develop a sociological imagination through examining society from a variety of perspectives that focus on social change, social order and meaning.

What can Sociology lead to?

A good grade in Sociology at A level is valued by universities and employers, since it requires the development of analytical skills and demonstrates the ability to evaluate social issues. This course also lays an appropriate foundation for further study of Sociology or related subjects in higher education.