



PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Sociology

Exam Board: AQA

Course Specification: [7192](#)

Qualification obtained: AQA Advanced Level GCE in Sociology

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Subject Overview:

A Level Sociology offers an engaging and effective introduction to Sociology. Students will learn the fundamentals of the subject and develop skills valued by higher education (HE) and employers, including critical analysis, independent thinking and research. Sociology will look more in-depth to the following questions:

- Are we products of nature or nurture?
- How does the hidden hand of society influence our behaviour?
- Is there such a thing as free will?
- Is the education system fair?
- What is the function of the family in modern society?
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- Are criminals born or made?
- Why are women paid less than men?
- Is religion disappearing or changing?
- What is the role of the media in society?

Assessment percentage Exam: 100%

Progression Routes:

Studying sociology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including: Social work, Human resources, Advertising, Policing, Marketing, Journalism, Law, Teaching and many more.

According to bestcourse4me.com, the top six-degree courses taken by students who have an A-level in sociology are Sociology, Psychology, English studies, Business studies, Law and Teaching.

GCSE Subject Exam results minimum requirements:

- A Grade 6 in *English Language*
- At least 6 other GCSE subjects with Grade 4s. This **MUST** include *Mathematics*.

Complementary learning:

- English
- Psychology
- Economics
- Politics
- History

Student Quotes:

"I enjoy sociology as it allows me to question society's norms and values and why we live our lives the way we do. It also reveals the dark side of society and the inequalities that are present."

"Sociology shows us how education affects us, how families affect us and how society portrays all of these"

“Sociology has given me a wider understanding of the world around me, where I am able to question what is wrong with parts of society and investigate how we could fix them.”

Year 12

Sociology A level is split into three components which are taught over the course Year 12 & 13, each component is equally weighted with subtopics within each.

Topics covered:

Component 1: Education with Theory and Method

- Sociology of education
- Methods in context
- Theory and methods

Component 2: Topics in Sociology

- Families and Households

Component 3: Crime & Deviance with Theory and Methods

- Theory and method

Year 13

Sociology A level is split into three components which are taught over the course Year 12 & 13, each component is equally weighted with subtopics within each.

Topics covered:

Component 2: Topics in Sociology

- Beliefs in society

Component 3: Crime & Deviance with Theory and Methods

- Crime and Deviance
- Theory and method
- Exam preparation

Assessment

Is 100% Exam. There are three separate two-hour exams at the end of Year 13.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Assessment Details	Weighting
Component 1	Education with Theory and Method	Written Examination: 96 marks, 2hr	33.33%
Component 2	Topics in Sociology	Written Examination: 96 marks, 2hr	33.33%
Component 3	Crime & Deviance with Theory and Methods	Written Examination: 96 marks, 2hr	33.33%

Additional information

Course specific equipment:

- Lever Arch Folders
- Paper

Essential Reading Material:

AQA A Level Sociology: Book One. Webb et al. Paperback

ISBN: 9780954007911

AQA A Level Sociology Book 2. Webb et al. Paperback

ISBN: 9780954007928

Recommended resources:

Websites:

www.unconsciouscurriculum.com

<https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology>

<https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/>

Novels:

Sociology Review – Phillip Allan.

Enrichment:

Trips and speakers.