

SOCIOLOGY (A LEVEL)

AIMS OF THE COURSE

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COURSE OUTLINE AND CONTENT

Assessment	Overview	Marks	%
1:30	P1 -Section A: Socialisation, culture and identity & Section B: Families and Relationships	90	30
2:15	P2 - Researching & understanding social inequalities, Section A: Research Methods & Section B: Social Inequalities	105	35
2:15	P3 - Debates in contemporary society. Section A: Globalisation and Digital Social World & Section B: Crime and Deviance.	105	35

The sociology course builds a broad understanding of the functions of society, beginning with the small units of personal identity and family. Students will then go on to explore research methods, which apply to the further units addressing social inequalities, globalisation and the digital social world, and crime and deviance.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN?

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POSSIBLE CAREER PATHS

Students use A level Sociology as a platform for a diverse range of careers in law enforcement, teaching, social work, the health sector, business, management, human resources and many more.

ADDITIONAL EXAM BOARD DETAILS

<https://n9.cl/fwook>

PREVIOUS GRADES

Exam Board: OCR

	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X	Totals
2023	5	8	16	4	3	0	0	0	36
2024	1	5	11	8	2	0	0	0	27
2025	0	3	14	12	6	0	0	0	35

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- 5 GCSE grades 4-9 including Mathematics and English Language
- Grade 5 in English Language

QUOTE

"Taking sociology for A level has helped me gain invaluable essay writing skills but has also broadened my knowledge of the world."