

QUEEN'S GATE SCHOOL
SOCIOLOGY
A-LEVEL GUIDE



“The function of sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden.”

Pierre Bourdieu, French sociologist

EVER WONDERED...

- Whether inequality is natural?
- Why women end up doing most of the housework?
- Whether boys are bound to fail at school?
- Whether men or women are more likely to commit crime?

WHAT IS SOCIOLOGY?

The study of society on a number of different levels:

- A subject which helps explain social change, past, present and future
- A subject which encourages political and social engagement with contemporary social issues
- A subject which involves being actively involved with social research and politics.



WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The AQA specification (7192).

In the first year you will cover the following topics:

- Education with Methods in Context
- Research Methods
- Families & Households



In the second year you will broaden your understanding of society. You will study :

- Crime & Deviance
- Beliefs in Society
- Theory & Methods

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

At A Level there are three exams, each account for one third of your grade. The three exams last two hours each and are worth 80 marks each. The exams consist of a mixture of short answers and extended writing questions.

WHAT SKILLS WILL I LEARN?

A Level Sociology will help you develop a range of skills that will benefit you, whether you decide to go on to further study or the working world, including:

- The use of evidence to support your arguments
- How to investigate facts and use deduction
- Critical thinking
- Making reasoned arguments
- Developing informed opinions and new ideas on societal issues
- The ability to analyse and better understand societal issues.

HOW WILL SOCIOLOGY FIT IN WITH MY OTHER SUBJECTS?

There is no limit to the other subjects that you can take alongside Sociology. There is such breadth to the subject that it will complement just about anything. Students who study Sociology often also study English literature, Psychology, Economics and Philosophy.



POSSIBLE DEGREE OPTIONS?

According to [bestcourse4me.com](https://www.bestcourse4me.com), the top degree courses taken by students who have an A Level in Sociology are:

- Sociology
- Psychology
- Politics
- English
- Business studies
- Law
- Teaching
- Marketing / Advertising

POSSIBLE CAREER OPTIONS?

Sociology is a great choice of subject for people who want a career in social work, nursing or medicine.

Studying Sociology at university can give you a whole host of exciting career options, including:

- Social work
- Marketing
- Law
- Advertising
- Journalism
- Human resources
- Teaching
- Civil Service

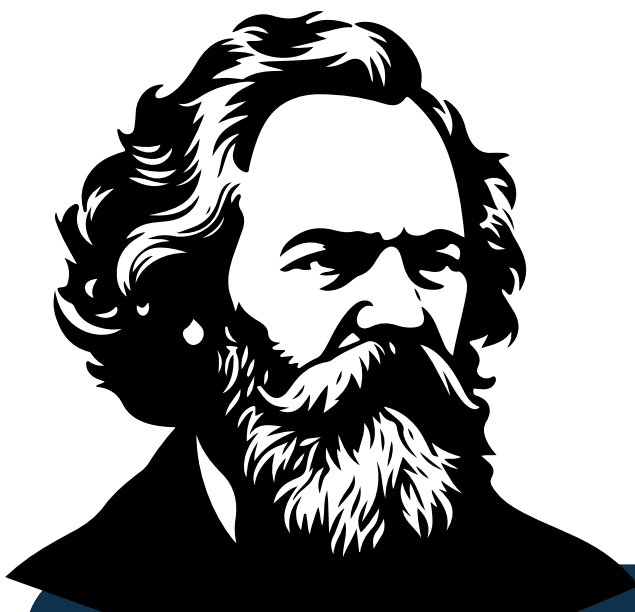


WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

There are no specific entry requirements for this course but due to the amount of essay writing, it is recommended that students have achieved a good GCSE in English Literature, as well as one other Humanities subject such as History, Geography or Religious Studies.

“THE AIM OF SOCIOLOGY IS TO PROVIDE A SCIENTIFIC UNDERSTANDING OF SOCIAL PHENOMENA”

Auguste Comte



*“There must be something **rotten** in the very core of a social system which **increases its wealth** without diminishing its **misery**”*

Karl Marx

SOCIOLOGY MAKES YOU THINK!

If you would like to discuss the A Level Sociology specification then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Zakir, Head of Sociology

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*"I like a teacher who gives
you something to take
home and think about
besides homework. That's
Sociology."*

