

Sociology

Year 12

The A-Level course is also open to students who have not studied Sociology before. As with the GCSE, research methods are taught throughout the course, and in Year 12 students will return to the topic of the education system for a critical look back through their own

educational experiences as we examine the key sociological theories such as functionalism, Marxism and social action theory. There is some overlap with politics as we examine educational policy and consider its effectiveness, or not.

Year 12 students will also study culture and identity where they will discuss how identities are formed, the impact of globalisation on our culture, and what postmodernists have to say about it all.



Year 13

In Year 13, students study the role of the media in society, a rapidly changing social phenomenon. They will critically evaluate the ownership and control of the media, how the news is selected and shaped by social forces, and the representation of different social groups in the media. Crime and deviance is also studied in year 13, where we can apply more contemporary sociological theories to social problems such as knife crime, green crime, and cyber crime.

What are the HW Expectations?

Ultimately, all Sociology students start to find that studying Sociology will never let them take



anything for granted again; everything can be analysed, criticised and questioned and as society is constantly shifting and changing, so is Sociology. Students will be set regular homework to learn the key words, and also to plan and answer examination questions. They may also be asked to read news articles or prepare for discussions or debates in the lessons.

How will I be assessed?

The A-Level is assessed at the end of Year 13 via three external written examinations. They



will be assessed by weekly key-word tests, homework and milestone assessments.

What equipment/books do I need to be successful?

Sociology textbooks are available in the Academy for students to use and there are also a selection of other books which students are free to borrow during the Academy day to support their independent study. There are a number of revision guides for AQA Sociology that they could purchase to support their studies.



What other opportunities exist outside the classroom?

We are fortunate here at The Hundred of Hoo Academy to be partnered with the University of Kent and as a subject area we have fostered close ties with the university's excellent Sociology and Criminal Justice departments. Students will benefit from visits to the University of Kent and also from academic staff visiting us here at the Academy to deliver world class lectures on occasion.