KS5 | Curriculum
Sociology

THE WALDERSLADE & GREENACRE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Qualification type / Exam Board

A-Level / AQA

What will I learn about?

A Level Sociology aims to provide students with an understanding of contemporary society so that they can develop sociological skills as they examine evidence and issues that affect modern society. Students will learn how society influences our social behaviour, culture and our ideas. They will study how and why people interact together, the nature of social processes, and will explore aspects of social change which shape society.

There are 3 units of study:

- Paper 1: Education with Theory and Methods
- Paper 2: Topics in Sociology (Families & Households, Beliefs in Society)
- Paper 3: Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods

How is my work assessed?

The 3 units of study will be assessed by 3 external examinations at A-level.

Each written exam lasts for 2 hours and is worth 33.3% of the final grade.

Exams will involve extended essay writing.

There is no coursework component.

What should I consider before starting this subject?

This course draws upon your understanding of the contemporary world, and it is therefore advisable to take an interest in current affairs and social issues in general. Analytical skills, a high level of literacy and skills in extended writing are necessary for this subject.

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

This level 3 qualification provides a basis for progression to university to study at Degree level. Sociology complements study alongside a wide range of other A-level options. Sociology is a useful qualification for those who wish to pursue careers in social work, teaching, journalism and the media and the criminal justice system.

Entry requirements

Grade 4 + in English language.

Where can I find more information?

Mrs. Regan or Mrs. Cooke

Additionally, you can find out more information here.