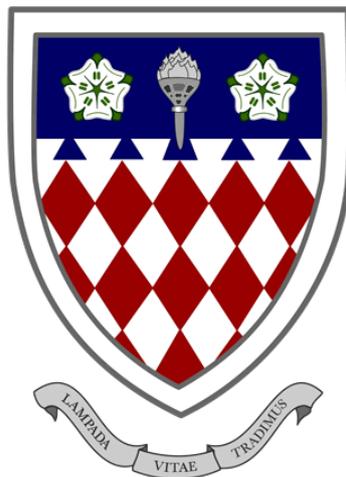


Spalding High School Sixth Form

A Level Sociology



Why Choose A Level Sociology?

Ever wondered how we developed into the society we are today? How much society shapes our behaviour? How much of our identity and behaviour is shaped by our families, peer groups, education or the media? Why there is inequality in society? If you are curious about why people behave the way they do, then sociology is for you.

“The fascination of sociology lies in the fact that its perspective makes us see in a new way the very world in which we have lived all our lives” Berger.

Sociology is an enjoyable and illuminating subject which helps you to understand the world around you. It trains you to answer the ‘what’, ‘how’ and ‘why’ questions about human societies.

If you enjoy a good debate, listening to alternative viewpoints and learning in small groups then this subject will suit you. To be successful studying sociology you have to have excellent writing skills and an interest in current affairs.

What career paths might I follow with A Level Sociology?

The subject is of particular use for those considering careers in the media, education, social work, nursing or research. Some students go on to take a degree in the subject or in a related area such as Social Policy, Criminology or Social Work.

Others find it useful in their applications for a range of other subjects including Business, English, Journalism, Nursing, Teacher Training and History.

What is the content of the course and how is it assessed?

You will study the following components over the two years:

Socialisation, culture and identity;

- An introduction to socialisation, culture and identity.
- Families and relationships.

Researching and understanding social inequalities;

- Research methods and researching social inequalities.
- Understanding social inequalities relating to social class, gender, ethnicity and age.

Debates in contemporary society;

- Globalisation and the digital social world.
- Education.

There are three examinations at the end of the two years, one worth 30% and the others worth 35% each. The examinations consist of a mixture of short answer and extended writing questions

What do our students say about A Level Sociology?

"I chose to study sociology as it sounded like an interesting subject to study and I have loved the subject since I had the taster lesson. I love studying Sociology as it gives me an insight and understanding into contemporary society, in particular the issues that are faced. The topic I enjoyed looking at most was inequalities and how they can impact on people's lives in a variety of different ways."

"I wanted to take sociology as I have always been intrigued by this subject, however didn't know much about it. During my studies of this subject I have learnt so much about society as a whole and the issues involved within it. I have really enjoyed this, especially learning about gender inequality and it has really complimented the other subjects I am studying."

Specification

Exam Board—OCR

<http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-sociology-h180-h580-from-2015/>

Entry requirements

GCSE Grade 6 or above in Sociology

If not previously studied GCSE Grade 5 or above in English Language or English Literature

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