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MARPLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A Level in Sociology

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Tuesday 1st September 2026
Course Code	MFQ-ML3L-1101

Course Overview

This is an exciting, very modern course that will give students a deeper understanding of the world around them and allow reflection on social issues relevant to their own social experiences. Fascinating discussions are encouraged: How are Facebook and Twitter changing our friendships and relationships?", "Are two married parents better than one?"

Students can acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of family life, our education system, sociological research, beliefs in our society and crime & deviance.You will begin by finding out about new terms: norms and values, culture and socialisation. What is Sociology? How do sociologists study society? How much have you been shaped by the people around you?"

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

Standard A Level entry requirements: 5 x GCSE grade 5s or above (must include Maths and English Language).

What You Will Learn

Sociology teachers are all highly experienced and enthusiastic at teaching the subject and have a wealth of student friendly activities, videos and handouts combined with valuable insights from related careers. Students are encouraged to maintain an interest in the news, visit Universities and attend Study trips.

Assessment

You will sit 3 exams at the end of two years.Each exam is 2 hours long.
Paper 1 examines Education with Theory and Methods.
Paper 2 examines topics including Families and Households & Beliefs in Society.
Paper 3 examines Crime and Deviance with Theory & Methods.

Progression

A large number of students go on to study Sociology or a related subject at university. The skills you acquire are transferable to a number of professions.
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Career Options

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Sociology is useful to any career in which you work with people and need an understanding of equality and diversity.

Mandatory Units

In Year 1 we examine the institutions of the education system and the family unit, considering the context of how and why these cornerstones of society have changed over time.

Students will also study the development of social and educational policy. The methodological and theoretical practices undertaken by sociologists are studied across both years and are central to the A Level examinations.

In Year 2 students will build upon their existing knowledge and apply it to the criminal justice system and the various theories pertaining to criminal and deviant activity, as well as considering the role and impact of the mass media in contemporary society. To be successful within this discipline students must be capable of constructing arguments and applying and evaluating theoretical concepts.

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