



A Level in Sociology

Location	Marple College
Course Type	College 16-18
Department	A Levels
Start Date	Monday 2nd September 2024
Course Code	MFQ-ML3L-1101

Course Overview

This is an exciting, contemporary course that will give you a deeper understanding of the world around you and encourage reflection on social issues relevant to your own social experiences. Fascinating discussions are encouraged: "How do we explain inequality in society?", "Does the Criminal Justice System work for everybody?" and "How does your gender impact on family life and employment?" Students acquire knowledge and a critical understanding of: Crime & Deviance, Families and households, Education, Beliefs, Research Methods

Course Requirements

PLEASE NOTE - YOU MUST APPLY FOR 3 A LEVELS

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

What You Will Learn

You will gain a much deeper insight into Britain and many of the social and political issues we currently face. You will develop the ability to think, discuss and write in a more fluent, accurate and critical style. You will understand how sociologists conduct research in society and some of the challenges faced by researchers. You can consider just how family, friends, school and the media have shaped who you are and your life chances. 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, e.g. Manchester, London and New York.

Assessment

The course is assessed by three exams at the end of Year 2, with regular assessment during Year 1 to prepare.

Progression

Students may choose to go into areas such as: Teaching, Social Work, Counselling, Media, English, Journalism, Politics, History, Community Development Work, Charities, Criminal justice, Welfare services, Police Force.

The British Sociological Association (BSA) declares that 'a very wide range of employers see Sociology as 'highly relevant'.

Career Options

The skills you acquire are transferable to a number of professions. Some options for Sociology students are: Counsellor, Social Work, Human Resources, Youth Worker, Teacher, work within the Police or Prison Service.

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

Mandatory Units

You will begin by finding out about new terms: culture, socialisation and identity. How much have you been shaped by the people around you? The course is assessed by three exams at the end of Year 2, with regular assessment during Year 1 to prepare.

Contact Details

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