



St Margaret Ward
Catholic Academy
Sixth Form

SOCIOLOGY

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What is the level of course I will take?

A Level Sociology with OCR.

What level of GCSEs do I need to take this course?

Minimum of 5 x GCSE grade 5

How will I be assessed?

Assessment will be via three exam papers.

Paper 1 on socialisation, culture and identity is 30% of the overall assessment.

Paper 2 on researching and understanding social inequalities is 35% of the overall assessment.

Paper 3 on debates in contemporary society is 35% of the overall assessment.

Course Content

Socialisation, culture and identity.

This component introduces the key themes of socialisation, culture and identity and develops these themes through the context of the media. It focuses on how media plays an increasingly important role as an agent of socialisation in contemporary society. It explores a range of evidence relating to media representations and media effects.

Researching and understanding social inequalities.

This component explores the methods of sociological enquiry and develops knowledge and understanding of contemporary social processes and social change in the context of social inequality and difference. It aims to foster the development of critical and reflective thinking with a respect for social diversity in terms of social class, gender, ethnicity and age. It develops links between the nature of sociological thought and methods of sociological enquiry.

Debates in contemporary society.

This component engages in theoretical debates and how these relate to a contemporary global society. It develops links between the topics studied in this component, the nature of sociological thought, contemporary social policy and core sociological themes. Contemporary and global debates are introduced through 'Globalisation and the digital social world' in Section A, and more in depth studied of 'Crime and Deviance' in Section B.

How will the course help me after Sixth Form?

Potential career paths are charity fundraising, community development worker, counsellor, lecturer, housing officer, teacher, probation officer, social researcher, social worker and welfare rights advisor.

Transferable skills include seeing things from different perspectives, debating current affairs, ability to research and interact with people from all walks of life. These skills are essential in many professions.





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