

Sociology GCSE at WHS

Sociology is the study of society and the people within it. If you have ever wondered why groups behave the way they do and why certain cultures occur;



whether society is fair and what can be done to change it and how society has changed over time then sociology is for you! We look at cultures in the UK as

well as around the globe to understand our world better.

Highlights of the course

- We get to dissect controversial topics like racism, sexism and classism (to name a few 'isms'!)
- We explore issues facing young people today - inequality in society, whether the education system is fair, family dynamics and roles in the home and whether people's class, age, ethnicity and gender impact criminal and deviant behaviour
- In the summer term you'll get to be a social scientist and conduct your own research project

Course content

- Our course consists of 5 main units, as well as an introduction to sociology:
 1. Sociology of Families
 2. Sociology of Education
 3. Social Stratification
 4. Crime and Deviance
 5. Research Methods

- This course is 100% exam based; there is no coursework

Why should you choose sociology?

- This subject allows you to observe the world we live in and learn the tools to discuss and engage with it
- Sociologists want to change the world for the better!

What can sociology lead to?

- Sociology compliments many other GCSEs - we analyse information, practice writing and essay skills and get the chance to discuss up to date and controversial topics
- Sociology is an academic subject that keeps your options open at A level and degree level. Sociology at university can include further branches such as: criminology, social psychology and politics (plus many more!)
- Some jobs that sociology can lead to are: marketing, journalism, policing, teaching, social work, charity / aid worker and social research

What to expect in lessons

- Discussions about the world we live in
- Readings from sociologists, books and online articles
- Video clips from documentaries, films and TV series
- Learning how to conduct sociological research
- The chance to build your revision and exam skills

