



GCSE Sociology

One year course.

Students will combine this course with up to five other GCSEs. Sociology is the study of human societies. This is a fairly large area, as there are hundreds of societies in the world, thousands of different cultures and countless different groups of people within those societies. Sociology attempts to study those social groups and their characteristics.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. It is not necessary to have studied Sociology in order to follow the GCSE course. However, it is useful to have good written skills.

This subject will focus on:

- gaining a knowledge of the way in which people are taught to behave in society;
- developing different investigative skills for research purposes; and
- improving discussion and debating skills.

You can expect to:

- gain an understanding of different family structures in Britain, the British education system, the world of work and politics in Britain;
- carry out an investigation of your own choice on topics such as divorce, women at work, youth subcultures or football hooliganism; and
- study the option topics of crime and the media.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Progression:

You may be able to progress on to AS level courses or BTEC National Certificate/Diploma programmes. Sociology is a good general qualification for most employers. It can also help you progress to A level Sociology.

Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

Amy Bain (ex Sawyers Hall College) achieved a B grade on the Sociology GCSE course. She progressed to the AS Sociology course where she also obtained a grade B. "I have really enjoyed studying Sociology. It has opened my eyes to various aspects of social life that previously I was unaware of. In particular the investigation that I carried out on the representation of race in the media has made me aware of the way that certain groups in society are unfairly and negatively portrayed on television."