



GCSE Sociology

One year course.

Students will combine this course with up to five other GCSEs.

Sociology is the study of human societies. It aims to explore how the individual's behaviour is affected by the society they live in. It raises questions about whether the police are racist, why the divorce rate is increasing and whether the media creates violent behavior.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. 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;
- improving discussion and debating skills; and
- an examination of the methods that sociologists use to carry out research.

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;
- study the relationship between the audience and the media; and
- examine ways in which agencies try to control crime and deviance.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by examination.

Progression:

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

Student Success at Havering Sixth Form College:

Myra Ahmad (ex Frances Bardsley School) achieved a B grade on the Sociology GCSE course. She says: "I really enjoyed doing GCSE Sociology and found the subject very interesting. Picking this subject at GCSE made me want to carry it on further so I progressed on to the A Level course".