

Welcome to Year 12 Sociology

Overview

Year 12 Sociology seeks to enable students to think widely and broadly about social issues and apply sociological concepts and evidence to society, social groups and their own lives. Students will be confident in referencing and critiquing sociological theories, studies and ideas. Students will be able to write essays in an academic manner that is balanced and shows skills such as analysis, synthesis and critical thinking.

The focus of the year includes the following topics:

- Socialisation, Culture and Identity
- Gender Inequality
- Class Inequality
- Research methods

Assessment and Feedback

There will be a formal assessment using exam questions throughout each topic. Assessment questions will progress from basic and straightforward to more demanding and extended questions. These assessments may be separated into different Assessment Objectives or be blended as an exam question. The assessments will be supported to a greater or lesser degree, depending on the stage of the course and the progress of the individual. This may include given plans, supported structures, and/or exemplar copies. Assessments will typically be given as an in class activity in order to give a close to exam experience. Some assessments may be given as homework to allow students to focus on quality responses without exam time constraints. Timing will be relevant to questions and placement in course. Students will receive a grade and targeted feedback at these points. Formative assessment will be throughout using methods such as: in class discussions and questioning; checking understanding through BrightSpace work; students teaching aspects of their own learning; and small scale exam questions that are peer or self-marked in order to develop understanding of assessment criteria.

Structured Independent Study (SIS)

Reading lists provide an opportunity for students to go beyond the curriculum, whereas relevant links, news and topics are highlighted constantly in lessons. Students are encouraged to understand ideas of multi-culturalism, morality, spirituality and appropriate discourse in their lives and study.

Homework

A range of homework tasks will be set when appropriate (around 3 hours a week), this will be in addition to your independent SIS work above. Homework will include researching beyond the content covered in lessons, practice questions, group work, revision for regular assessments and consolidation of knowledge.