

# SOCIOLOGY

## Subject Overview

Studying sociology will change the way you look at life, people and at society, both in this country and worldwide. The key point to understand about sociology is that it has a particular way of looking at society and social life; in fact it has several ways of doing this, but they have one thing in common - they do not take anything at face value. Sociology will teach you to question everything, from your belief system and how you live, to what you watch on T.V or read on the internet or in magazines/newspapers.

What is culture and how does it affect your identity? Does your ethnicity, gender or class affect your educational achievement? How? Why do boys continually underachieve compared to girls? Can material deprivation (having poorer parents) affect your educational achievement and why? Is the media influential in your opinions? Are different groups represented unfairly or stereotypically in the media? Why? Are there certain crimes that are ignored by the press? Why are some groups more likely to get involved in criminal behaviour? Why?

Sociologists have something to say about all of these questions. During your study you will cover all these topics and learn the skills to analyse all related arguments and decide on your own opinion. Studying sociology will give you the tools of analysis and evaluation vital for many university courses. The skills of essay writing and application will be enhanced through a variety of teaching methods that will be based on relevant and thought provoking topics.

Studying Sociology works well with all humanities subjects such as History, R.E and Geography and, in addition, subjects like English, Economics and Psychology. Sociology is valued by employers and universities and will appeal to the well organised, inquisitive individual with an interest in current affairs. Above all it will appeal to those who approach problems with an open mind. Many students have gone on to study sociology at university with many using their sociology A level to get them onto popular university courses such as journalism, law, anthropology and criminology.

**Exam results:** 100% A\*-D with over 90% of students being on or above their target grades.



## Student Profile

**Name:** Shadi A

**Other A levels studied**  
Psychology and English

**University:** Brunel

### Quote:

*"Sociology allowed me to understand society in a completely different way. I have become a lot more aware of political issues and how these impact on all of us. Sociology is so interesting and the teachers at Claremont really helped me as I don't think I would have got my A grade without them."*



## Specification at a glance

### AS

#### Subject content

- 3.1.1 Education
- 3.1.2 Methods in context
- 3.2.1 Research Methods
- 3.2.2.2 Families and Households

### A'level – as above plus...

#### Subject content

- 4.1.3 Theory and Methods
- 4.3 Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods
- 4.2.5 Beliefs in Society

Depending on whether you take the AS path or the A'level path will determine how many exams you will have.

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