Progression between Year 12 and Year 13

The Year 13 Units build effectively on the topics studied in Year 12. You will further develop your skills of analysis, increase your capacity to evaluate a large amount of information and construct a persuasive argument.

Which other subjects does Sociology combine well with?

Sociology will compliment any combination of A Level subjects to provide you with an all-round excellent education.

Sociology students from Coombe follow careers in a variety of professions including: business management, law, journalism, marketing, social work, teaching, civil service and the police.

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“Studying Sociology has enabled me to look at the world around me in a different way. The class discussions have been vital to our learning. We have covered political, historical and conceptual ideas on British society. It has given me a good grounding, not only for my examinations but also to study Sociology further at university.”

Exam board: AQA
What does studying Sociology involve?

Sociology will teach you to look at the society around you in a brand new way. The subject is a fascinating mix of social history and current trends as well as political and conceptual perspectives on our society.

You will understand more about how British society has developed and the forces that shape our behaviour and values.

You will also learn to develop your own informed opinions, understand other people’s points of view and to communicate your own position clearly. In making sense of the world we live in, you will come to know yourself better.

Entry requirements / prior knowledge:

In order to be able to take Sociology A Level at Coombe you need to have achieved seven 9-5 grades at GCSE.

You should be an independent learner with a curious mind.

What skills will I develop and where could studying this subject lead?

Sociology will provide you with a diverse learning experience it will teach you to look at the society around you in a brand new way. Sociology has developed an exciting range of theories that question and often challenge how society is organized.

The aim of this course is to encourage you to develop a critical understanding of sociological ideas about society and social life. An important part of studying sociology is the way you can use it to help make sense of your own experiences in society. Sociology provides you with new ways of seeing the social world around you and can lead to a questioning of things that you once took for granted.

Sociology will appeal to you if you have an interest in social issues and the way societies work. The course involves a lot of reading and you will need to be interested in discussing social issues. You will also need to develop good analytical and essay writing skills.

Modules that you will cover and assessment details

Studying Sociology at A Level will involve studying four units.

All units have examinations.

Assessment 100% exams.

Paper 1
Education with Theory and Methods.

Paper 2
Families and Beliefs.

Paper 3
Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods.

At A-level there are three exams, each account for one third of your A-level. The three exams last 2 hours and are worth 80 marks each. The exams consist of a mixture of short answer and extended writing questions.

How is this subject different to studying at GCSE?

You will need to look at competing views on issues in society and make a judgment. It is important to that you are curious about the society in which you live and begin to take responsibility for your own independent learning.