



SOCIOLOGY A LEVEL AT BECKFOOT SCHOOL

What is Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society.

We consider how social structures may shape our lives and also the contribution we make in shaping society.

Using a range of theoretical perspectives and with a focus on contemporary issues, sociology helps us to make sense of the society in which we live.

What is Sociology NOT?



- **An easy option**- 3 x 2 hour exams – extended answers -30 mark essays. ...Lots of reading and research needed.
- **Commonsense**- findings are supported by social research evidence.
- **A new subject**- it was developed in the 19th Century!
- **A less academic subject**- courses run in many Russell Group universities today.
- **Only for those who want to be social workers**-Great for a range of professions from medicine to finance to the arts.

What do Sociologists do?



Develop perspectives or sets of ideas about the way society works.

Gather research evidence to draw conclusions about their perspectives on society.



WHAT WILL I BE STUDYING?

| YEAR 1 | YEAR 2 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Sociology • Research Methods • Education • Methods in Context • Families and Households | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and Deviance • Theory and Methods • Beliefs in Society • Revision of Paper 1 and 2 |

How will I be assessed?

| Paper 1 | Paper 2 | Paper 3 |
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| 2 Hour Exam / 80m Education Theory and Methods Methods in Context | 2 Hour exam / 80m Families and Households Beliefs in Society | 2 Hour exam /80 m Crime and Deviance Theory and Methods |

You will answer a range of short answer and essay questions.
All exams in the Summer of Yr13



Is it right for me?

- Do you write well?
- Do you enjoy debating topics?
- Do you like research?
- Do you do a lot of reading?
- Do you have an interest in current affairs?
- Are you open to the ideas of others?
- Do you like working on group projects?
- Do you communicate well with others?
- Do you like presentation work?



Careers

- Charity worker
- Community worker
- Family support worker
- Government officer
- Housing manager
- Police officer
- Policy officer
- Probation officer
- Social researcher
- Social worker
- Teacher or lecturer
- Youth worker
- And many more.....



Useful course textbooks and online resources



So who can you contact to find out more about Sociology?

If you have any more questions before making your option choices please do get in touch.

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- **Tutor2U:** <https://www.tutor2u.net/sociology> : revision notes, topic videos, key word glossaries, flashcards and workbooklets- we will be providing you with some of these.
- **Online textbooks (See new link in Sept)**
Napier Press: Also has a companion site for teachers and students
:<https://napierpress.com/>
- **Discover Sociology :** Teaching resources section: lots of resources on key topics
<http://www.discoversociology.co.uk/>
- **Revise Sociology:**
<https://revisesociology.com/> Lots of revision notes on **a range of topics, video links and mindmaps**
- **Hectic Teacher Sociology:**
<https://hecticteachersalevelsociologysite.wordpress.com/> lots of topic-based resources and exam workbooks
- **The Sociology Guy:**
<https://thesociologyguy.com/> Revision support-also has a Youtube channel for exam question support
- **Kate Flatley videos on Youtube**
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6VpoZj33Df_rNb8KymCczw looks at exam **questions and technique**
- **Crash course Sociology :** videos on Youtube
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YnCIU6PaCio&list=PLhmOhZ_OxyNMklsZFIHEjjcGUsSrKrxqM&index=1
- **School of Life Sociology**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rzr3AOtFA8o&list=PLwxNMb28XmpcoeCDO0VnGUavcLUFiNcAI>