

Sociology A Level



Exam Board: AQA

Why A Level Sociology?

Sociology is the study of society and looks at how everyday experiences shape our lives. Sociology makes you think! It is concerned with social behaviour and attempts to answer questions about why people behave in the way they do. For example, why do girls outperform boys in the education system? Is the nature of childhood under threat? Do poor people commit more crime? Is science like religion? By taking the subject, you become a much more informed, questioning and critical citizen of society. Furthermore, you will walk away from Sociology with a completely different way of thinking about the world around you.

Thinking and Life Skills you will develop:

- Studying A level Sociology enables you to develop critical thinking skills, to analyse and interpret the world around you
- During this course you will have the opportunity for frequent discussion, drawing on your own opinions and enabling you to relate them to relevant sociological ideas
- You will be encouraged to research independently and present your findings
- You will examine studies performed by social researchers and use judgements to draw out strengths and weaknesses in their approach
- Effectively conveying differing opinions and thinking creatively.

What will you study?

A Level Sociology provides the opportunity to study a number of key sociological issues. You will find out how Sociologists conduct research and undertake research projects of your own. You will also study topics in Sociology such as Education, Families, Crime and Poverty.

University degrees that require or often prefer Sociology include:

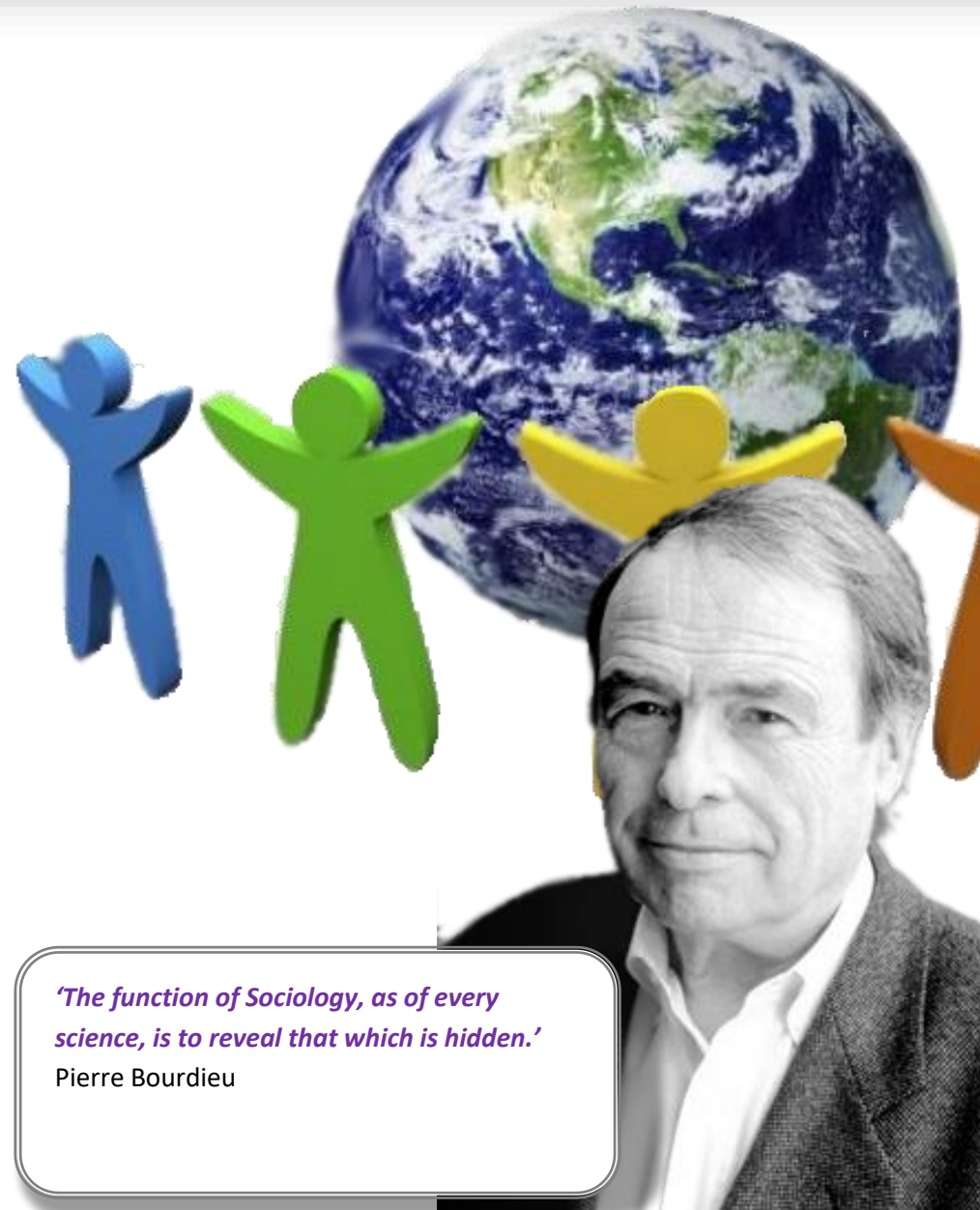
The study of Sociology at this level can lead to a range of further studies. Many Sociology students go on to take degrees in Sociology or a related field such as Anthropology, Criminology, Law, Politics, Psychology or Education. It is also seen as useful for any essay based subject such as English, History and Media.

Possible careers:

Journalism, law, PR, marketing, social research, politics, charity (NGO), development work, teaching, social work and nursing.

Entry requirements:

Minimum grade 6 in GCSE English Language and a Humanities subject or grade 6 in GCSE Sociology.



'The function of Sociology, as of every science, is to reveal that which is hidden.'

Pierre Bourdieu