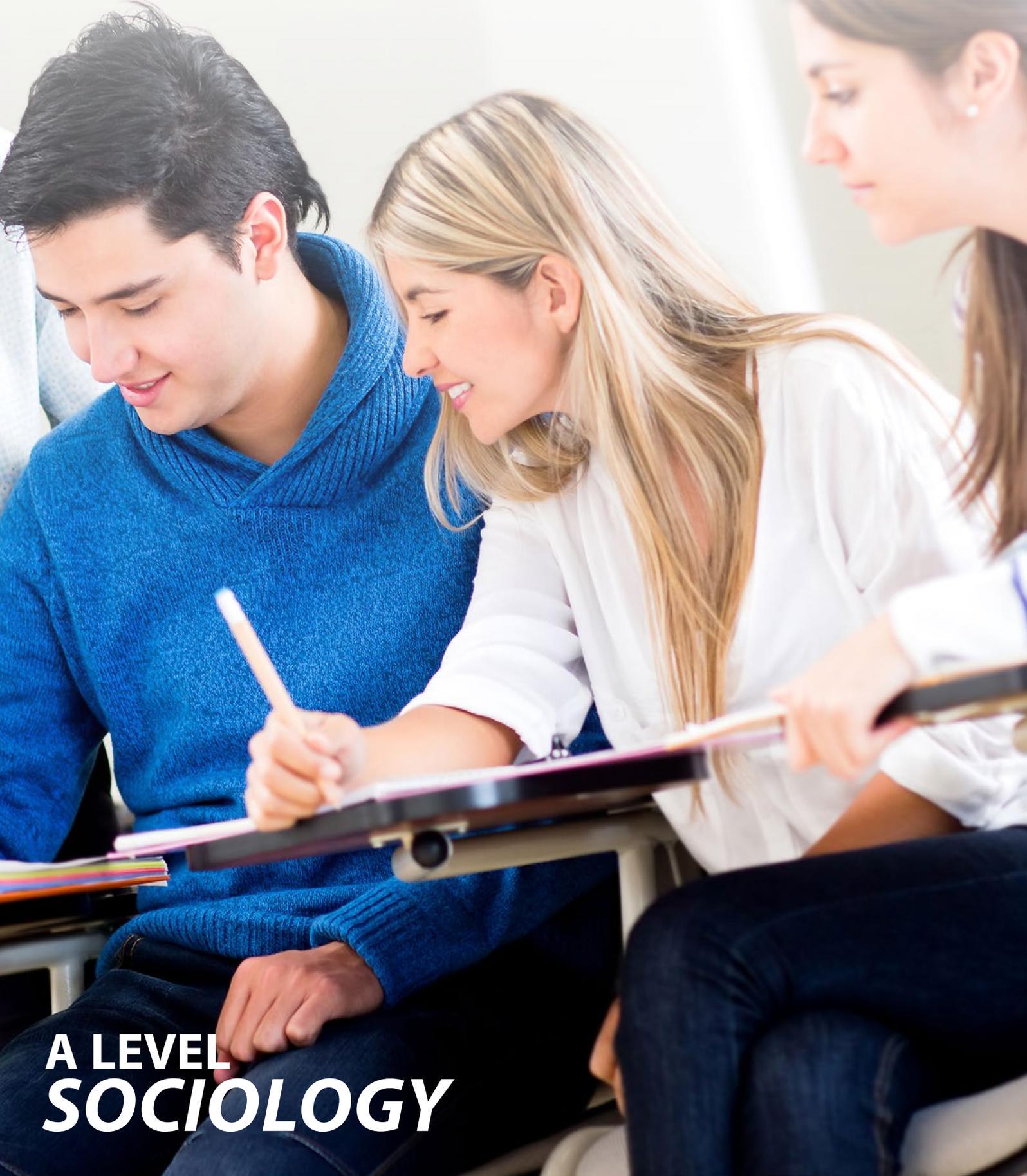


"I like a teacher who gives you something to take home and think about besides homework. That's Sociology."



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This updated A Level in Sociology offers students a challenging and stimulating course that is widely recognised and highly respected by universities as well as employers. The course covers a range of relevant subjects with an emphasis on contemporary society, ranging from youth culture to the exploration of inequalities in society. Whilst there is a strong emphasis on many traditional topics in sociology that continue to be relevant, there is also a range of topics which are the latest and most exciting developments in the discipline.

What is Sociology?

The study of society on a number of different levels:

- A subject which helps explain social change, past, present and future
- A subject which encourages political and social engagement with contemporary social issues
- A subject which involves being actively involved with social research and policy

What topics will I be learning about?

The course offers a number of compulsory core topics, as well as optional topics:

- Crime and deviance
- The impact of globalisation
- The nature of social relationships
- Different forms of social inequality
- The impact of new forms of social media
- Social research in a range of social contexts

How will I be assessed?

There are a range of forms of assessment, all exam based. These range from short answer to longer essay questions. There is no coursework. Assessment will take place at the end of the two year course.

"I like sociology because it's given me a wider knowledge of society and it has enabled me to contemplate different views of different classes, ethnicity and gender differences. Since starting sociology I have changed my view on people around me, and now think about why people are how they are, and not just automatically label them in my head. This I feel has made me a better person, and I'm really glad I chose to do sociology."

What skills does the A Level in Sociology give students?

Studying sociology will definitely help develop your essay skills, allowing you to discuss different views on social issues in a critical and evaluative way. Being able to draw on a range of perspectives, evidence and contemporary issues is excellent preparation for university and employment. Sociology provides a strong understanding of social and political issues, past and present.

What can I do with an A Level in Sociology?

A Level Sociology is very good preparation for university, where strong essay writing skills are very important. Universities recognise that sociology A Level provides students with a very good foundation in social, political and policy knowledge. Sociology is regarded as a demanding and rigorous A Level which combines well with any other combination of subjects. Sociology students go on to a wide range of jobs in policing, research, teaching, medicine, politics and civil service as well as taking jobs in the service sector. Graduates of sociology have higher Levels of employment than many other subjects.

"Sociology is really interesting and helps you to understand what goes on in the world. It opens your eyes to things around you that you may not have been aware of."

"I like sociology because it teaches you about how people interact in the society all around you. It is different to my other subjects because it changed my outlook on society and how things work."