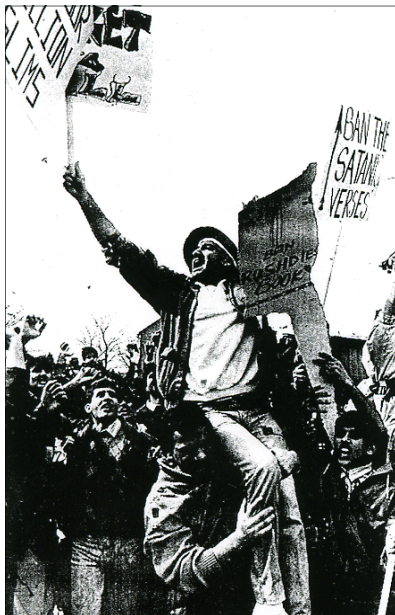


What can you do with a Sociology A-level?

As well as offering you insights into the ways in which society works, a Sociology A-level will help you to develop an enquiring and critical mind, enabling you to evaluate the world around you.

You will be able to weigh up arguments and assess evidence and examine ideas from a variety of different views. As such, an A-level in Sociology provides an excellent background for careers in law, journalism, the caring professions, teaching and a range of management and business areas.

It will also provide pathways into the practical application of sociology itself – social policy. This is a rapidly expanding area in which sociologists play a key role in government initiatives in areas such as poverty, the inner cities, and crime prevention.



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The Sociology Department at Greenhead consists of four well-qualified full-time staff and around 200 students in 12 groups in years 1 and 2. Sociology is taught in a well-resourced Social Science suite with IT facilities for internet and college intranet access, which is shared by students and staff. Sociology is one of three very successful social sciences at Greenhead. The course followed is the specification offered by AQA.



What is Sociology?

Sociology is a way of thinking about the world. However, the sociological way of thinking about the world is different from the way natural scientists might think about it. For a start, in sociology there are no equivalents of giant accelerators or radiotelescopes. The raw material of sociology is the experience of ordinary people in ordinary, daily life. But it is these very daily lives which can provide us with a whole host of clues about, for example:

- Why do some people join religious sects?
- What are the meanings which lie beyond youth sub-cultures and styles?
- What makes some people break the law more than others?
- Why do males seem to do worse at GCSE than females?

However, you won't find one single answer to these problems. Instead you will be faced with a variety of different explanations, and it will be up to you to decide which is the most credible. Remember – the truth is out there!

Sociology at Greenhead

The full A-level course is made up of the following modules:

AS Year	A2 Year
Unit 1: Culture and Identity Families and Households Wealth, Poverty and Welfare Unit 2: Education Health Sociological Methods	Unit 3: Beliefs in Society Global Development Mass Media Power and Politics Unit 4: Crime and Deviance Stratification and Differentiation Theory and Methods



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Key Skills

An AS or A-level in Sociology will offer you the following opportunities to develop key skills:

Key Skill	Developed through ...
1. Communication	Group and individual research, small group presentations, discussions, formal examination questions, displays, posters etc.
2. ICT	Presentations, research reports, personal study.
3. Working with Others	Small group work, paired work, personal study and research reports.
4. Problem-solving	Individual and group tasks and activities, resource-based work.
5. Learning Performance	Self-assessment sheets, regular reviews with subject staff, assignment cover-sheets.



Trips and Visits

During your first and second year you will have many opportunities to attend conferences and Sociology Days around the country.