

SOCIOLOGY

Sociology is the study of human social relationships and institutions. Sociology's subject matter is diverse, ranging from crime to religion, from the family to the state, from the divisions of race and social class to the shared beliefs of a common culture, and from social stability to radical change in whole societies. At Fitzharrys School we teach Sociology at A Level, giving students an insight into how society works and preparing many students for jobs which involve working in a range of contexts.

KS5/A level

Students study the AQA Sociology specification. This covers a wide range of topics and is an excellent grounding for either higher education or the world of work. Students study a number of core subject areas such as education and crime, while also being taught some optional units such as development, faith and belief, families and households, and culture.

There are 3 examinations at the end of the A Level course, which ask students to recall, explain and evaluate a range of sociological studies. The course is taught to enable skills of essay writing, construction of arguments, research and debate.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

This is a course which has shared teaching with other schools in the Abingdon Consortium (ACfE), therefore events are shared between the schools.

A-Level students at Fitzharrys School have benefitted from talks and workshops with lecturers from Oxford Brookes University. They have also carried out research through interviewing members of the governing body.